Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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FAMILY COMMUNION SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2026
10:00AM

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Rev. Amelia Dortch, Itinerant Elder

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WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE **Musicians**

PROCESSIONAL

WORSHIP PREPARATION SONG ***"Welcome Holy Spirit"***

GREETINGS **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Vickie Gray**

MINISTER:
I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE:
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

MINISTER:
For the sake of the House of the Lord our God. I will seek Your good.

PEOPLE:
Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

MINISTER:
O Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your honor dwells.

PEOPLE:
For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

MINISTER:
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE:
O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

OPENING HYMN AMECH #21 **Rev. Vickie Gray**

"To God Be the Glory," *by Fanny J. Crosby*

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.
[Refrain]
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father's, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory great things He hath done. Amen.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood. To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
[Refrain]

3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
[Refrain]

CALL TO PRAYER **Rev. Gladys Burroughs**

PRAYER RESPONSE ***"I Thank You Jesus"***

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE **"Acts 2:40-47" (NIV)** **Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.
44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.
45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,
47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

May God bless the hearers and doers of His Holy Word. The Word of God for the people of God.

DECALOGUE

(Please see page xix of the African Methodist Episcopal Hymnal.)

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemers name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

MINISTER:
And God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

PEOPLE:
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

HYMN
"Near my God, to thee" Nearer to thee E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to thee."

MINISTER:
Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandants hang all the law and the prophets.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHORAL SELECTION

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AMECH #196 **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit," *by Doris Akers*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I Know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are Sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the Presence of the Lord
[Refrain]
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us With Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in Praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived When we shall leave this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

- Thanks to all who participated in the respective meetings during this past week.
- Join us for Wednesdays in the Word at Noon on Zoom and 6:00pm by conference call. The number is **605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#**
- Decision and Promotion Sunday is next week June 14th. We want to recognize all students. Please submit names and pictures of all graduates of all levels by Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00pm to be honored.

All youth, parents, grandparents and guardians are asked to join us for a meeting. Please submit all of your students' names and grade levels from PreK to College to Sis. La Shawn Nichols and the church office.

- The Stewardess Board greatly appreciates the assistance of everyone that contributed to the success of Stewardess Appreciation Sunday. Thanks you so very much! May the Lord continue to bless you richly. Sis. Donna Brown, President

- **Sunday, June 7th at 10:00am** is Family Communion Sunday.

- **Sunday, June 7th** is a brief Church Conference immediately following the worship service.

- **Monday, June 8th at 7:30 pm** the Youth Workers, Christian Education Department will meet via Zoom.

- **Thursday, June 11th through Saturday, June 13th** is the Fourth District Lay Convention.

- **Sunday, June 14th at 10:00am** is Promotion and Decision Sunday Celebration.

- Volunteers are Needed for the Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) Tweens and Teens Afterschool Summer Youth Programs. For information on how to become an ECCC Volunteer, please contact Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center at (313) 635-3355 or email eccc@ebenezerccc.org

- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is recruiting volunteers to assist with Thursdays Community Outreach Day for two to four hours per week. For more information, contact the center at (313) 635-3355 or leave a message with Ebenezer AME Church Office at (313) 933-6943. With appreciation and gratitude to all! Sis. Edna Walker

- Do not forget about the **B.E.L.I.E.V.E. in Ebenezer and Ebenezer Cares Stewardship campaigns**. Give back to God and His church Ebenezer. As a cheerful giver, your contribution is tax-deductible. See a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission after church for more information.

- Please fill out an updated membership contact form for our business records.

- **Thought for the Week:** *"If we spend our time lifting up Jesus, then we won't have to deal with other issues that weigh us all down.*

- **Cover Photo**: Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist, stateman, and revolutionary who was the first Black president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

BIRTHDAYS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Garr Patrick and Sis. Tiffany McCrimmon – June 19 (22 years)
Pastor Willie Gholston and First Lady Myesha Gholston – June 22nd (24 years)
Bro. R P and Sis. Gloria Nelson – June 26 (38 years)

ALTAR CALL SONG ***"Precious Jesus"*** **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
The Crawford Family
The Dawkins Family
Bro. Heyward Dortch and Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
Sis. Anita Giles and Family
Bro. Kenneth Jackson
Mother Dora Lane and Family
Dr. Dennis Laffoon
The Melvin Family
The Morgan Family
Sis. Sandra Morrison
The Robinson Family
The Spencer Family
The Sudduth Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

OFFERTORY SELECTION ***"Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"***

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS ***"All Things Come of Thee"***

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

SERMONIC HYMN AMECH #513 **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**
"Time is Filled with Swift Transition," *by Jennie Wilson*

1 Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.
[Refrain]
Hold to God's unchanging hand, Hold to God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

2 Trust in Him who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring; friends If by earthly forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling.
[Refrain]

3 Covet not this world's vain riches That so rapidly decay. Seek to gain the heavenly treasures. They will never pass away.
[Refrain]

4 When your journey is completed, If to God you have been true, Fair and bright the home in glory Your enraptured soul will view.
[Refrain]

<u>SERMON</u> ***"Lift Him Up"*** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**

<u>INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #221</u>

"How to Reach the Masses," *by Johnson Oatman, Jr.*

1 How to reach the masses, those of every birth, For an answer Jesus gave the key; "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."
[Refrain]
Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

2 Oh! The world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see; Trust Him and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me."
[Refrain]

3 Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew, Preach the gospel simple full and free; Prove Him and you will find that promise is true, "I'll draw all men unto Me."
[Refrain]

4 Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see; Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto Me."
[Refrain]

<u>APOSTLES' CREED</u>

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION AMECH #255 ***"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood"***

1 There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **The Solicitation** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**
- **The General Confession** **Congregation**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- **First Collect** **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**
- **Second Collect** **Rev. Vickie Gray**
- **Prayer of Adoration** **Rev. Gladys Burroughs**
- **Prayer of Humiliation** **Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**
- **Prayer of Consecration** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**
- **Partaking of Elements** **Congregation**
- **The Lord's Prayer** **Congregation**
- **The Prayer of Thanksgiving** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**

COMMUNION HYMN *"I Know It Was the Blood"*

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG *"Let the Church Say Amen"*

BENEDICTION

JUNE 2026
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"ON THE WAY UP TO A NEW LEVEL"

• **Tuesday, June 2nd, 6:30pm**	Steward Board Zoom Meeting via Zoom
• **Friday, June 5th, 12:00pm**	Church Women United Meeting – Ebenezer AMEC
• **Friday, June 5th, 12:00pm**	Michigan Conference Lay Convention
• **Sunday, June 7th, 10:00am**	Family Communion Sunday Church Conference Following Worship Service
• **Monday, June 8th, 7:30pm**	Youth Workers Ministry / Christian Education Department via Zoom
• **Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30pm**	Class Leaders Meeting via Zoom
• **Tuesday, June 11th – Saturday, June 13th**	Fourth District Lay Convention
• **Sunday, June 14th, 10:00am**	Promotion / Decision Sunday and Celebration
• **Monday, June 15th**	Official Board Reports Due (May)
• **Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30pm**	Trustee Zoom Meeting via Zoom
• **Friday, June 20th – Friday, June 26th**	Fine Arts Academy
• **Sunday, June 21st, 10:00am**	Father's Day – Men's Observance /Sunday
• **Monday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 25th**	General Board Meeting
• **Sunday, June 28th, 10:00am**	Block Out Violence Sunday (Rock Your Orange)
• **Tuesday, June 30th, 6:30pm**	Official Board Meeting
• **Mondays – Weekly – 5:00pm**	Stewardship and Finance Meeting

***ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM UNLESS SPECIFIED**