

**Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**



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**THE HISTORIC EBENEZER AME CHURCH  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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**WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**Musicians**

**WORSHIP PREPARATION SONG**

***“Just Want To Praise You,”*** by Maurette Brown Clark

I just want to praise you Forever and ever and ever For all you've done, done for me Blessings and glory and honor They all belong to you Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

**GREETINGS**

**Rev. Vickie Gray**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Gladys Burroughs**

**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 #571**

**Rev. Gladys Burroughs**

***“Lift Every Voice And Sing”*** *by James Weldon Johnson*

- 1** Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea, Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.
- 2** Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at Last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3** God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path. We pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION****Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson****PRAYER RESPONSE*****"Total Praise"*****CHORAL SELECTION****SCRIPTURE      "2 Corinthians 12:1-10" (NIV)      Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**

**12** I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord.

**2** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

**3** And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

**4** was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

**5** I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.

**6** Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

**7** or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

**8** Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

**9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**10** That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**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. Vickie Gray

#### *“There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

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. Vickie Gray

- Thanks to all who participated in the respective meetings during this past week.
- New Member Class meets every Sunday at 8:30am in the Mamie I. Robinson Parlor.
- If you have already submitted or still need to submit your email address and payment method for a youth background check, please provide your name, email address, and form of payment at the church office.
- All persons interested in joining our new **Gospel Praise Team and Evangelism Team**: Within and Beyond the Wall. Please submit your name to the office.
- The Liturgical Dance Ministry is “**Calling**” for new members to join the dance ministry. **Tambourine of Praise** – (All ages), **E-tation** – (Boys/Men), **Mime Ministry** – (All Ages) and **Liturgical Dance** – (Woman/Teen). For further information, please see Sis. Diane Gary or leave your name and contact information with the church office.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR DASHIKIS, DRESSES,  
BLACK DESIGNERS ALL MONTH LONG**

- **Sunday, February 15th** Rock Your Green (The Impact Of Our People)
- **Sunday, February 22nd** Your African Attire On Heritage Sunday (The Blessings Of Our People)
- **Today, Sunday, February 8th**, the Young People's Department (YPD) is holding a **Souper Bowl of Caring** fundraiser to fight hunger with a **soup and chili sale**. All proceeds go to charity. Chicken soup and turkey chili are available in Small (\$7), Medium (\$10), and Large (\$15). Pick up or order after worship in the small dining room. Thank you for supporting this cause! — Sis. Sandra Hall, YPD Director.
- We invite you to participate in "**The Journey To Calvary; Renewing Our Commitment, Restoring Our Faith and Resurrecting Our Hope.**" The 40-day Lenten season is almost here. We invite our Ebenezer family to write a series of prayers and meditations centering on Psalm 51. Please submit by **Sunday, February 8th** to our office via [ebename@yahoo.com](mailto:ebename@yahoo.com) or any steward.
- **Monday, February 9th** 7:00pm – Church School Teachers Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 10th** 6:30pm – Trustee Board Meeting  
8:00pm – Lay Organization Meeting
- **Sunday, February 15th** Church Conference Part II immediately following the worship service.
- **Sunday, February 15th 4:00pm** Michigan Conference Founder's Day Bethel AME, 5050 Richard Allen, Blvd., Detroit
- Official Board Members Ministry Reports for January activities and programs are due in the church office by **Sunday, February 15th**.

- **Saturday, February 21st:** The Michigan Conference Lay Organization is pleased to announce its 2026 Winter Workshop, titled **“Bridges Connecting Generations.”** The registration fee is **\$45**, payable by **Wednesday, February 11th**. Registration will commence at 8:00 am, and the workshop will take place at Oak Grove AME Church, located at 19810 Cherrylawn Avenue, Detroit.
- The Notable North District will receive 196 disciplines to support the Fourth District. Please let our office know as soon as possible the total number of disciplines you will purchase. The cost for a discipline is **\$35** and the deadline to sign up is **Sunday, February 22nd**.
- 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.
- First Lady Norma Jean Phillips of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church-Detroit passed on January 29, 2026. Her homegoing celebration is **Saturday, February 14th**, at Greater Ward Chapel AME Church, 3700 W. 6th Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
- The Fourth District’s Spiritual Empowerment Mid-Year Convocation is set for **Wednesday, March 11th – Saturday, March 14th** at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Chicago-Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois. Room reservations are due by **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, with rates of \$139/night for King Suites and Double-Double Suites. Please call **(630) 971-2000**, and reference Fourth District Spiritual Convocation or book at:  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ordwbdt-ame-05cd916e-5d3c-4f1d-8d9d-b2209f731363/>

- **Saturday, February 28th**  
**11:00am – 1:00pm** Do You Know Our Church: Training  
For All Class Leaders, Stewards,  
Trustees and Members
- Cover Photo: President Barack Obama sings "Amazing Grace" at the funeral service for Reverend Clementa Pinckney at Emanuel AME Church.

**MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY** **Sis. La Shawn Nichols**

**ALTAR CALL AMECH #402** **"He Touched Me"** **Rev. Vickie Gray**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING** **Rev. Vickie Gray**

**OFFERTORY SELECTION** **"Every Praise Is To Our God"**

**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 SONG** **Rev. Vickie Gray**

**"He Looked Beyond My Faults,"** *Dottie Rambo*

**1** Amazing grace will always be my song of praise For it was grace. That brought my liberty And I do not know, just why He came to love me so  
[Refrain]

**He looked beyond my faults and saw my need**

**2** And I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary, to view the cross where Jesus died for me. How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul  
[Refrain]

**SERMON** **"Amazing Grace"** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #226

***“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound,”*** by John Newton

- 1** Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
- 2** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
- 3** Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath  
brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

## DOXOLOGY

## BENEDICTION