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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

Rev. Gladys Burroughs

***"We Shall Overcome"* by Pete Seeger**

1 We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome some day.

[Refrain]

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe. We shall overcome some day.

2 We'll walk hand in hand, today. We'll walk hand in hand, today. We'll walk hand in hand, today.

[Refrain]

3 God is on our side, today. God is on our side, today. God is on our side, today.

[Refrain]

4 We are not afraid, today. We are not afraid, today. We are not afraid, today.

[Refrain]

5 We shall live in peace, someday. We shall live in peace, someday. We shall live in peace, someday.

[Refrain]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION**Rev. Gladys Burroughs****PRAYER RESPONSE****"Thank You Lord"****CHORAL SELECTION****SCRIPTURE****"Genesis 37:2-20" (NIV)****Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**

²This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him.

⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had:

⁷We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

¹²Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem,

¹³and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

¹⁴So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem,

¹⁵ a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

¹⁶ He replied, “I’m looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?”

¹⁷ “They have moved on from here,” the man answered. “I heard them say, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’”

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.

¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

¹⁹ “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other.

²⁰ “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

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

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Rev. Vickie Gray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Member Class meet every Sunday at 8:30am in the Parlor.
- All persons interested in joining our new Gospel Praise Team and our Evangelism Team: Within and Beyond the Wall. Submit your name to the office.
- **Sunday, January 18th** Vision Boards
After Worship Service Stewardess Meeting
- **Monday, January 19th** **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:**
A Day On, Not A Day Off

- **Tuesday, January 20th** via Zoom 6:30pm – Steward Board Meeting
7:30pm – Class Leaders Meeting
- **Wednesday, January 21st** via Zoom 7:30pm – Youth Ministry Workers Meeting
- **Sunday, January 25th** – N.U. (Now Uniting) Jammin’ For Jesus In Jeans: Skirts, Denim Pants and Dresses or Business Casual. Calling all college students and young adults 21-45 to join Pastor G. for Brunch immediately following worship service. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 21st.
- **Monday, January 26th** via Zoom 6:30pm – Official Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 27th** via Zoom 6:30pm – Trustee Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 27th – Saturday, January 31st** Connectional WMS, Baltimore, Maryland
- **Mondays – Weekly** via Zoom 5:00pm – Stewardship and Finance Meeting
- All background checks for Pastors, Clergy, Officers and Leaders working with young people must be completed by **Friday, February 6th**. The cost of the background is check \$20 and is required every two years. For further information, please contact the church office.
- 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.
- Cover Photo: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ALTAR CALL AMECH #319

Rev. Vickie Gray

"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," by Eleanor Allen Schroll

- 1 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, There's a place that is wondrously fair, For it glows with the light of His presence 'Tis the beautiful garden of prayer.

[Refrain]

O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer, O the beautiful garden of prayer! There my Savior awaits, and He opens the gates To the beautiful garden of prayer.

- 2 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, And I go, with my burden and care, Just to learn from His lips words of comfort In the beautiful garden of prayer.

[Refrain]

- 3 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, And He bids you to come meet Him there, Just to bow and receive a new blessing In the beautiful garden of prayer.

[Refrain]

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Vickie Gray

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"Bless The Lord O My Soul"

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 #272

Rev. Vickie Gray

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," by Fanny J. Crosby

- 1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

[Refrain]

**Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by. Amen.**

2 Let me at Thy throne of mercy Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief.
[Refrain]

3 Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace.
[Refrain]

4 Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life for me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee?
[Refrain]

SERMON *“Are You A Dreamer Or A Dream Killer”* **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

“I've Got A Feeling Everything's Gonna Be Alright,” by Larry E. Roberts

1 I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright.
I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright.
I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright,
be alright, be alright, be alright.

2 The Holy Ghost done told me ev'rything's gonna be alright.
The Holy Ghost done told me ev'rything's gonna be alright.
The Holy Ghost done told me ev'rything's gonna be alright,
be alright, be alright, be alright.

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“Let The Church Say Amen”