

Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 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

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

² This 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.

³ Now 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.

⁴ When 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.

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

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

⁷ We 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."

⁸ His 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.

⁹ Then 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."

¹⁰ When 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?"

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

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

¹³ and 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.

¹⁴ So 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,

- **Tuesday, January 20th** 6:30pm – Steward Board Meeting
via Zoom 7:30pm – Class Leaders Meeting
- **Wednesday, January 21st** 7:30pm – Youth Ministry Workers
via Zoom 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** 6:30pm – Official Board Meeting
via Zoom
- **Tuesday, January 27th** 6:30pm – Trustee Board Meeting
via Zoom
- **Tuesday, January 27th –** Connectional WMS, Baltimore, Maryland
Saturday, January 31st
- **Mondays – Weekly** 5:00pm – Stewardship and Finance
via Zoom 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.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“Let The Church Say Amen”