

Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 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

Kennedy Donald Powell

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 #226

Avery Ajagbe

“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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Brooklyn Powell Lewis

PRAYER RESPONSE

“I’m Available to You”

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

“Psalm 51:11-13” (NIV)

Mackenzie Brown

- 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

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

WELCOME / RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AMECH #196

Ronida Powell

“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

Ronida Powell

- Thanks to all who participated in the respective meetings during this past week.
- Thanks to all who came to the Leadership and Fellowship Training on yesterday.
- Please submit your payment of \$35 for your Doctrine and Disciplines to the office immediately.
- 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.
- **Monday, March 23rd at 6:30p.m** – Official Board Meeting (February Ministry Review)

- **Tuesday, March 24th at 9:45am** – Pastor Willie Gholston, II
Prayer at Detroit City Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 25th, 6:00pm** – Pastor Willie Gholston, II
Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service (In Person)
- **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00am** – The Michigan Annual Conference Commission on Christian Education is sponsoring an African American Trivia Contest for Grades 1-12. The contest is being held at Bethel AME-Detroit at 5050 St. Antoine, Detroit. Every child will be awarded a prize for their participation.
- **Sunday, March 29th at 8:00am** – Men’s Fellowship and Study
- **Sunday, March 29th at 10:00am** – Palm Sunday (Kickoff to Holy Week)
“Resurrect Our Hope” (Rock Your Purple)
- The Women of the Steward Board are seeking the assistance of all girls between the ages of 3 and 18 in the distribution of palms on **Palm Sunday, March 29th at 10:00am**. There is a rehearsal scheduled on **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00am** in the church sanctuary. Palm Girls are asked to wear white dresses. If you require additional information, you may contact the church office at 313-936-6943. Please join us in making Palm Sunday a spiritual blessing for our Ebenezer Church Family.
- The Michigan Conference Young People’s and Children’s Division (YPD) under the Women’s Missionary Society invites you to partner with them in the months of February, March and April for Giving Tuesday. The YPD goal is to raise \$5,000 to support activities, mission projects and to offset expenses for future conferences. Donations are to be given on the first Tuesday of February, March and April. The ways to give are Givelify: Michigan Conference WMS AMEC or Zelle: mcwmsgiving@gmail.com, please indicate YPD Giving Tuesday in the memo section. Please see Sis. Sandra Hall or Sis. Leslie Minus, YPD Directors, for any questions or concerns.

LENTEN MEDITATION SERVICE

- **Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm** (In Person)
- **Friday, April 3rd at 12 Noon**, please join us for Good Friday Service, at Fellowship Chapel, 7707 Outer Drive, Detroit. Pastor Willie Gholston, II is preaching the *Sixth Word, "It is Finished."*
- We invite you to participate in **"The Journey To Calvary: Renewing Our Commitment, Restoring Our Faith and Resurrecting Our Hope**, during this 40-day Lenten season.
- 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:** Mr. Michael B. Jordan
Academy Award for Best Actor

Thought for the Week: "You can get closer to your destiny by following God and letting Him Lead."

INSTALLATION AND MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY

Pastor Willie Gholston, II

ALTAR CALL

"More Than Anything"

Myra Parsons

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern

Sis. Willamina Forrest

Sis. Sandra Morrison

Sis. Carolyn Jones and Family

Bro. Lewis Farmer and Family

Sis. Tina Dawkins and Family

The Jackson Family
The Melvin Family
The Morgan Family
The Robinson Family
Tornado Victims Across Western Michigan
Rev. Dr. D. K. Kearney and the Turner Memorial AME Church Family of
Hyattsville, Maryland
Dr. Stanley Hearst and the Bethel AME Church Family of Wilmington, Delaware
Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon
Bro. Kenneth Jackson
City of Detroit Government

WOMEN'S HERSTORY MOMENT

E. Jelani Dortch

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Kelli Smith

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"He's an on Time 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 HYMN AMECH #364

"My Hope Is Built," by Edward Mote

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain]

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

[Refrain]

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay

[Refrain]

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]

SERMON

“Restore Our Faith”

Pastor Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #251

“All to Jesus I Surrender,” Judson W. VanDeVenter

1 All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In
His presence daily live.

[Refrain]

I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all for
forsaken, Take me, Jesus take me now.

[Refrain]

3 All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; May Thy Holy Spirit fill
me, May I know Thy power divine.

[Refrain]

4 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and
power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

[Refrain]

5 All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame; O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name.

[Refrain]

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

“Let the Church Say Amen”

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

BENEDICTION