



UNION WESLEY AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE



Rev. Dr. Brian S. Relford, Sr., Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE | AUGUST 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE CALL TO COMMUNION AND WORSHIP

Sis. Crystal Miller

If any person sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Wherefore ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy way; draw near with faith, and take the Holy Sacrament to your comfort and worship our God in spirit and in truth.

THE INVOCATION-THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy 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 Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE MORNING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried: The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the Holy catholic church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 22:7-20 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Clarence Cross, Jr.

THE MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Veronica Graves

THE PRAYER OF PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE COLLECT (In Unison): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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THE MUSICAL SELECTION

***OUR GIFTS TO GOD** *The giving of Tithes, Offerings and the Ministry of Kindness Offering*

THE OFFERTORY *"All Things Come of Thee"*

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your holy table, O merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through his most precious blood we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The prayer Of Consecration

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by giving of himself once, for all time, a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father we humbly beg you and grant that we receiving these your elements of bread and wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion; may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood, who, in the same night He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks He broke it, gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying. Drink all of this! For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. **Amen.**

The Table Administration

The Sanctus With Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

"The body of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, which was given for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving".

The Minister that delivers the Cup shall say:

"The blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, which was shed for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful".

THE BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE:



The Kidz Korner Ministry will be on Summer Break during the month of August. We will return to our normal schedule

Sunday, September 6th.



- ◆ **First Quarterly Conference | Thursday, August 13th @ 7:00 PM (virtual)**
Reporting Months: April | May | June

The **Seniors Ministry** will sponsor a **Hat Bazaar** on **Saturday, August 15**, from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. We will feature **new and gently used hats** in a variety of beautiful styles. **Cost: \$15 each.**

Come out and shop for that **special hat** you've been looking for — elegant, classic, bold, and everything in between.

- ◆ **Intercessory Prayer:** Will be on recess the first two weeks in August, the 4th and the 11th. We will resume August 18th.
- ◆ **Wednesday Bible Study** | Join us on our various social media platforms.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will **NOT** have Thursday, Morning Manna during the month of August. We will resume Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 AM



Memorial Service for:

Mr. Joseph Battle, Sr. will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.



Family Visitation Hour: 10:00 AM | Service: 11:00 AM

We are now receiving donations of backpacks. All donated backpacks will be shared with families at our Unity in the Community Event on August 23rd.

Thank you for supporting this outreach effort!



NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING DATES — LET'S SPREAD THE WORD!

Union Wesley, we need *you* to help us reach our neighbors. Please plan to canvass with us on:

- **Saturday, August 8**
- **Saturday, August 22**

Union Wesley,

Thank you!

On behalf of the Family of **Mrs. Beatrice Robinson Ferguson**, I would like to sincerely express my **heartfelt gratitude** for your kindness, generosity, and the love shown to us during our time of sorrow. Your calls, texts, cards, flowers, and gifts were deeply appreciated, and I am truly grateful for them all.

However, what touched my heart the most was **your presence** at the Celebration of Mom's Life. You know who you are, and I thank each of you.

My grateful love and appreciation to **Our Pastor**, the representative from the Ministerial Staff, **Our Executive Assistant**, **Our Officers**, the **Board of Class Leaders**, **My Class Leaders & Members**, the **Senior Ministry**, the **Deaconess Ministry**, and last—but definitely not least— **My Friends**.

Patricia Ferguson-Smith, James, Charles, Ronald, Sharon, and Tyrone Ferguson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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- 1 - Paige Sutton
- 2 - Lillian Dean
- 3 - Carolyn Howard, Jamella Hill, Elizabeth Fadika
- 4 - Mignon Wilson, Parham McNeil
- 7 - Ivie Higgins
- 9 - Charlease Johnson, Vanessa Daloba
- 11- Isabella Higgins
- 12 - Rita Harris, Kendall Davis
- 13 - Vernon Baker, Jr.
- 14 - Kia Lucas
- 17 - Julian Davis
- 18 - Harriett Kargbo, Anthony McBarnette, Jr.
- 19 - Phyllis Jackson, Orlando Garrett
- 20 - Don Harris
- 21 - Patricia Ferguson-Smith
- 24 - Dayna Minor, Karen McBarnette, Anthony Peters
- 25 - Stacey Jones, Stephen Atkins
- 26 - Augustina Davis, Niilante Labbe
- 28 - Stanley Peters
- 29 - Monica Fair
- 30 - June Robinson
- 31 - Ira Hobbs, James Simpson, Robert Fleming

Happy
HAPPY

AUGUST 7 Emory and Dorothy Bates

AUGUST 11 Wayne and Cheryl Young

Let's keep our sick and shut-in members in our thoughts and prayers. Take a moment to reach out with a card, a call, or a heartfelt prayer to let them know they are not forgotten. Your kindness and support can make a world of difference to those who need it most.

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18 (CSB)

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Sunday Worship
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Tuesday Prayer | 7:00 p.m.
1-978-990-5000 Code: 791926

Wednesday Bible Study
12 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. | www.unionwesleyamez.org

Thursday Morning Manna
Dial-in: 1-267-807-9495 Code: 355-119-736

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OUR VISION

To be a growing church of faith that passionately models the life of Christ by equipping and training seekers and believers to do the work of ministry in the church and community.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to love God and one another, impact and improve our community and the world; and to proclaim and witness to the life changing message of Jesus Christ.



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