



METHODIST GATHERING A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

15TH CONSULTATION OF METHODIST BISHOPS

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
THE AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THEME:

"Emerging from the Pandemic: Poised, Purposeful and Prophetic"

BIG BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

220 Auburn Avenue, NE - Atlanta, GA 30303 404.827-9707

MARCH 12, 2023

7:00 P.M.

A Methodist Gathering

Order of Worship

Bishop Adolphus Scott - Worship Leader

PRELUDE: The Musicians

PROCESSIONAL: *“And Are We Yet Alive”* Choir, Clergy and Bishops

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for His almighty grace!
2. What troubles have we seen, What mighty conflicts past,
fightings without and fears within since we assembled last!
3. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love.
and still, He doth His help afford and hides our life above.
4. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Bishop Adolphus Scott
Chair-Pan-Methodist Commission
The Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

Leader: God of grace and God of glory on Your people pour Your power.

People: Amen.

Leader: With oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God, we the descendants of John Wesley, the people called Methodists are drawn together in this place.

People: We have gathered to bring glory to God only and to celebrate God's gracious gift of unity to us all.

All: In a spirit of togetherness, let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

INVOCATION: Bishop Adolphus Scott
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

HYMN: *“Christ, the Church You Gave is Broken”* by Bishop William B. Grove
Tune: CWM Rhondda (*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*)
Scripture Base: *John 17:20-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:27*

1. Christ, the church You gave is broken, Mend it now through us, we pray.
That the message it has spoken May be heard through us today.
Make us one now, Make us one now,
In this troubled frightened hour, In this troubled frightened hour.
2. We are hands and feet of Jesus, His new Body now we are.
Ears and eyes to do His bidding That our world at peace may be.
Make us one now, Make us one now,
For God's witness in our time, For God's witness in our time.
3. Holy Spirit, come and bless us, Give a vision for our day.
Give a vision large and mighty To your people now, we pray.
Make us one now, Make us one now,
Spirit, come and make us whole, Spirit, come, and make us whole.

4. Christ, the church You gave is broken, Mend it now through us, we pray.
That the message it has spoken May be heard and lived always.
Make us one now, Make us one now,
For the glory of Your name, For the glory of Your name.

PRAYER: **Bishop Sally Dyck**
The United Methodist Church

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Bishop Thomas L. Brown**
The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church – 6th District

GREETINGS: **Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. - Host Pastor**
Big Bethel A. M. E. Church

Dr. J. C. Park
President, World Methodist Council

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson - Host Bishop
The African Methodist Episcopal Church– 6th District

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE **Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton**
The United Methodist Church

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAN-METHODIST FAMILY:..... **Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton**
The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING, REMEMBRANCE AND RE-COMMITMENT

Bishops: O God, we give thanks for the opportunity to assemble as kindred hearts, joining together to walk along the journey of faith, fulfilling a vision of oneness in Christ. We rejoice that we are yet alive to see each other’s face as we each enjoy the blessings of life, health and strength.

All: **The heritage of the Methodist tradition is so rich, as it strives to follow the teachings of John Wesley. We commit ourselves to keeping the legacy alive and building upon it.**

U. M.: The Methodist Church began in America through the efforts of lay preachers set to work in the colonies by John Wesley. By 1784, what was once a movement became the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. Though we acknowledge the injustices of racism and separation that caused division in our ranks, we rejoice that by God’s transforming grace, in 1956, women were ensured full clergy rights and by 1968, segregation was abolished in our denominational structure. Now, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Association have become one: The United Methodist Church.

A. M. E.: The African Methodist Episcopal Church has a rich and glorious history. It is unique in that it was the first major religious denomination in the Western world that had its origins over sociological and theological beliefs and differences. It rejected the negative theological interpretations which rendered persons of African descent second-class citizens. Ours is a theological declaration that God is God all the time and for everybody. The A. M. E. Church was born in 1787 in a protest against slavery – against dehumanization of African people, brought to the American continent as laborers. The African Methodist Episcopal Church stands proudly under the banners of freedom and justice for all, held high by the sons and daughters of Richard and Sarah Allen.

A. M. E. Z.: We, too, stand in the Methodist tradition, following the lineage of James Varick who led the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1796 in New York City with the historic Mother Zion Congregation. We separated ourselves from the John Street Church for reasons of injustice and became known as the *freedom church*: a church where people can worship freely and express their dignity and self-determination. We are committed to nurturing persons in the Christian faith and laboring for the advancement of people who are oppressed.

C. M. E.: We share in the Methodist tradition as we were led by forty-one former slaves and assisted by members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in forming the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America in 1870 in Jackson, Tennessee, and recognize Mother Liberty Church as a symbol of our origin. William Henry Miles and Richard H. Vanderhorst were elected the first bishops, overcoming restrictions and making possible the ordination of clergy, pastoral and lay leadership. In 1954, to emphasize its ministry to all God's children, the General Conference voted to change the name to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and that name change became official in 1956.

**U. A. M. E.,
A. U. M. P.:** We come to the Methodist movement through Peter Spencer who was repeatedly denied the rites of the church and legal redress from the congregation of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Delaware. In 1805, forty-two black members left Asbury Church and worshiped in houses and groves until 1812. In 1813, the first church was built, and the United Church of Africans was formed. A split in 1852 over the issue of governance led to the formation of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church and the African Union Methodist Protestant Church.

Clergy: John Wesley taught that we should do all the good we can in all the ways we can. But there are times when what we may perceive as good is not good for all parties concerned. We ask forgiveness for those wrongs and desire to join hands with other members of the Methodist family. The barriers are to be destroyed and we will not be silent when we see wrong. We pledge to lead the way with the help of God.

Laity: God can heal wounded spirits and broken hearts. God can make anew that which is broken and disjointed. God desires unity and oneness. We are willing to seek the common path within the Methodist family, striving for oneness in the future.

Commission: We stand as members of the Pan-Methodist Commission, charged with the task of providing leadership and coordination in the process of finding ways of cooperation and unity. We will do this by redefining and strengthening our relationship in Jesus Christ.

All: **Though we each stand as a member of one of the six Methodist denominations, we are one body. Therefore, we share the conviction and unity through the blood of Jesus, the Christ. As we follow in the footsteps of so many faithful Methodists, let us remember our responsibility to build upon their foundation but never forsake the true foundation of our faith -- Jesus, the Christ. Therefore, we commit ourselves to God for guidance and empowerment to give the best service possible. We also commit ourselves to exploration and openness to the new uncharted waters of cooperation and unity, God being our Helper. To God be the glory! Amen.**

APPEAL FOR THE CAUSE OF CHILDREN: Rev. Dr. Luther Smith
The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

OFFERING: Designated for the Pan-Methodist Campaign on Children and Poverty and the PM Agenda

OFFERTORY SELECTION: **Big Bethel A. M. E. Church Choir**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *"All Things Come of Thee"* **Congregation**

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER: **Bishop Jeffrey Leath**
The African Methodist Episcopal Church

SERMONIC SELECTION: **Big Bethel A. M. E. Church Choir**

SERMON: **Bishop Reginald T. Jackson**
The African Methodist Episcopal Church ~ 6th District

INVITATION AND COMMITMENT: **Bishop Adam J. Richardson**
The African Methodist Episcopal Church

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **Big Bethel A. M. E. Church Choir**

REMARKS:Bishop Adolphus Scott, Chair – Pan-Methodist Commission
The Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

BENEDICTION:Bishop Reginald T. Jackson
The African Methodist Episcopal Church ~ 6th District

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE:The Musicians

Special thanks to :

- Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and the members of the Sixth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church.
- Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor and the congregation of the Big Bethel A. M. E. Church
- The Transportation ministries of Big Bethel AMEC and Allen Temple AMEC ~ Atlanta
- Methodists in the Atlanta area

THE PAN-METHODIST FAMILY

HISTORICAL PAN-METHODIST REFLECTIONS

The Consultation of Methodist Bishops was formed in 1979 and a call was issued in 1983 for the formation of the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation. The 1984 and 1986 General Conferences approved the resolution and gave birth to the Pan-Methodist Commission in 1985. Its purpose is to work to define, plan and in cooperation with established agencies, execute activities that foster meaningful cooperation. The Bishops who serve on the Commission form the Steering Committee that has responsibility for planning each Consultation of Methodist Bishops. In 1992, a Study Commission was formed to explore union. Then the Commission on Union was formed in 1996 to develop a plan of union in order that the wounds resulting from our past divisions may be healed and together we may have a more effective witness in the global community, as well as be good stewards of our God-given resources. In the 2000 and 2002 General Conferences, a resolution passed that merged the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and the Commission on Union to become the Pan-Methodist Commission on Cooperation and Union. In 2007, the Ninth Consultation of Methodist Bishops voted to change the name to The Pan-Methodist Commission.

As this journey began, four Methodist denominations were involved: The African Methodist Episcopal Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. In 2004, the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church joined the ranks and the African Union Methodist Protestant Church joined in 2007.

The future is yet unknown, but these denominations are committed to exploring where God wants to lead Methodists in response to the call to be “one.” Many strides have been made, and we have come this far by faith. By God’s grace, we will reach the place God desires for us as Methodists, if we are faithful to the call. Come; walk with us on this journey toward each other as sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus.

PAN-METHODIST EPISCOPAL LEADERS

The African Methodist Episcopal Church (Order of election from left to right) Active

Adam J. Richardson, Jr. James Levert Davis Jeffery Nathaniel Leath Reginald T. Jackson Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr. Marvin Clyde Zanders II	Gregory G. McKinley Ingram David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr. Julius Harrison McAllister Harry Lee Seawright Stafford J. N. Wicker Francine A. Brookins	William Jacobus Messiah Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. John Franklin White Michael Leon Mitchell Frank Madison Reid III Frederick Allen Wright	Paul J. M. Kawimbe E. Earl McCloud, Jr. Clement W. Fugh E. Anne Henning-Byfield Silvester S. Beaman
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Retired: Henry Allen Belin, Jr. Theodore Larry Kirkland Carolyn Tyler Guidry	Frederick Calhoun James Zedekiah L. Grady Vashti Murphy McKenzie Richard Franklin Norris	Frank Curtis Cummings John Richard Bryant Gregory G. M. Ingram	Phillip Robert Cousin, Sr. Robert Vaughn Webster Preston Warren Williams II
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Kenneth Monroe Seth O. Lartey Hillard Dogbe	Darryl B. Starnes, Sr. Michael A. Frencher U. U. Effiong	Dennis V. Proctor Staccato Powell Eric Leake	W. Darin Moore George Crenshaw Brian Thompson
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Retired: George W. C. Walker, Sr.	Joseph Johnson S. Chuka Ekemam, Sr.	Marshall H. Strickland Warren Matthew Brown	Nathaniel Jarrett George E. Battle, Jr.
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The African Union Methodist Protestant Church: Delbert Jackson Johnathan Stewart

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The Union American Methodist Episcopal Church:

Active: Adolphus Scott, Jr. Charles Amos

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Pan-Methodist Commission Directory

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Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

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