

**EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAY ORGANIZATION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2018
Annual Lay Training Convention**

Worship Service



Bonner Campbell Complex
Edwards, MS

June 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Right Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr., Presiding Bishop
Mother Joan M. McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell, Connectional Lay President
Ms. Ametta L. Reeves, Connectional Director of Lay Activities
Mr. Melvin Davis, Episcopal Lay President
Ms. Stephanie Burks, Episcopal Director of Lay Activities
Ms. Bobbie Hollins, Episcopal Young Adult Representative
Mr. Hezzie Watts, Host Conference Lay President

Worship Service

Stephanie Burks, Worship Leader

The Organ Prelude

Florine Herron

The Processional

Jesus the Light of the World

Wesley/Elderkin

VERSE

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.*

VERSE

*Joyful, all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

REFRAIN

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Call to Worship

Jerrie Evans

LEADER: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of The LORD,
our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my GOD than to dwell in the tents
of wickedness.**

LEADER: Because of the house of the LORD our GOD I will seek Thy good.

PEOPLE: **Those that be planted in the house of the LORD, shall flourish in the
courts of our GOD.**

LEADER: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. LORD, I have loved Thy
habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

PEOPLE: **For the LORD is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

LEADER: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
Thy sight, O LORD, my strength 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.**

The Hymn of Praise #582

“The Lay Hymn”

1. *Laymen now have thus assembled
In Thy blessed name O God.
Guide us in our true endeavor,
Light the pathway that we trod;
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause,
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.*

3. *As we walk this Christian journey,
Let us keep our armor bright,
Let our works be pure and holy,
That we stand within Thy sight;
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.*

2. *We are banded one in union,
To fulfill Thy just command.
May we be Thy true disciples,
Holding to Thy mighty hand.
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love*

4. *May we stand before Thine altar.
Pledging Lord to work for Thee.
In the vineyard, in the pastures,
Let us Lord Thy pilgrims be;
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies,
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.*

The Invocation

Dominic Boyd

The Choral Response

The Selection

Pearl Street AME Church Young Adult Chorale

Erin Anderson, Robert Simmons, Alexis Anderson, Kamryn Anderson, Cadarius Waits

The Scriptures

***The Old Testament**
The New Testament
The Gospel*

Linda Thomas
Ella Williams
Danielle Barbre

The Preface to the Decalogue

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

The Summary of the Decalogue

And Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The 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.

The Selection

Pearl Street AME Church Young Adult Chorale

The Benevolent Offering

Finance Committee

The Offertory Beethoven
All Things Come of Thee, O Lord and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

The Presentation of the Bishop Melvin Davis

The Sermonic Selection *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Jeffrey Cornelius
Pearl Street AME Church

The Sermon

Bishop Julius H. McCallister, Sr.
129th Elected and Consecrated Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried. The third day he arose from the dead He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Worship Through Giving Finance Committee

The Offertory *All Things Come of Thee, O Lord* Beethoven
All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Remarks

The Announcements Melvin Davis

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise Him all creature here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

The Lay Benediction

May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity; That we may live together, not as man over man, but as laypersons working with God. Amen

