



THE COMMUNION OF EMPTY HANDS

**HISTORIC ST. MARK'S
AFRICAN METHOIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
801 NW HARRISON ST * PO BOX 8265 * TOPEKA, KS**

July 3, 2022 * Eleven O'clock A.M.

**The Rt. Rev. Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Prelate
The Rev. Fran T. Cary, Presiding Elder
The Rev. Shirley D. Heermance, Pastor
The Rev. Theodore R. Evans, Retired Presiding Elder
Minister Kristen Sextn, Licentiate
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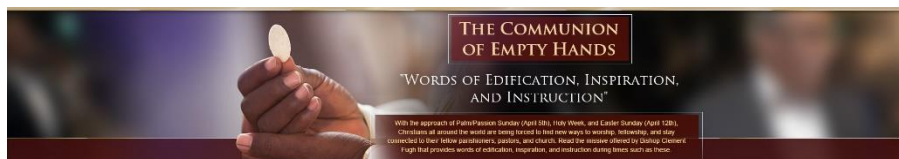
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday July 3, 2022 * Eleven O'clock AM

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

THE CALL TO WORSHIP:.....(*For The People*).....

This is the day the which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice in the Father, the God of love who created us, preserves, and sustains us. Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who has given His all to save us. Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, whose power confirms, teaches, and enables us. The Lord God be praised!

THE OPENING SELECTION **Sister Karlene Williams**

THE OPENING PRAYER **Rev. Shirley D. Heermance**

THE SCRIPTURE READING**Minister Kristen Sexton**

From all that dwells below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE:

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang 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."

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**Sister Ollie Craft**

THE SERMONIC SELECTION**Brother Howard Harvey**

THE SERMON:.....**Rev. Shirley D. Heermance**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP:

THE INVITATIONAL SELECTION:..... Sister Kristie Carter

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

THE PEACE:

- M. The peace of the Lord always be with you.
- P. And, with you.

**THE GENERAL CONFESSION:
(Rev. Amy Higdon)**

M. Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All. ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and offenses, which we have committed against your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, most merciful God, for your son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us our sins and offenses and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life. To the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

**THE CONSECRATION
(Rev. Shirley D. Heermance)**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by his oblation of himself, once offered, a full perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, 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. We come to present ourselves, asking you to consecrate us, as we dedicate ourselves anew before you today. Acknowledging the body and blood of our Redeeming Savior, once sacrificed for the sins of the whole world, we've come to ask you to bless and sanctify us, as we present ourselves empty before you, ready to partake of the grace and tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Into your divine presence and power we pray that you will allow us to enter into the holy service of communion, as we humble ourselves before you, with empty hands.

THE SHARING

We have no bread, nor water to use instead of wine, but we will act as though we have. The meal in which we take part reminds us of the prison, the torture, the death, and final victory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The bread is the body which he gave for humanity. The fact that we have none represents very well the lack of bread in the hunger of so many millions of human beings.

Hold out your empty hands as if receiving the Bread:

M. Take, eat. The body of Christ was given for us. We do this in remembrance of him.

All raise hands to your mouths in silence, as if receiving the body of Christ:

M. The wine, which we don't have today, is the blood poured out for us. This cup represents our dream of a united humanity, of a just society, without difference of race or class. Of a world reconciled person to persons, and persons with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Imagine holding your communion cup before the Lord:

M. Take, drink. The blood of Christ was shed to seal the new covenant of God with us.

All drink from the absent cups you imagine holding.

M. Let us give thanks, sure that Christ is here with us, strengthening us. Let us
Prayer

ALL: God of grace, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption, and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior Amen.

SELECTION: “What A Fellowship”

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Let us profess before God our common 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 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.”

THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
“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. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY:

Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING:

HOOR OF POWER -July 9, 2022,11:00a.m.
Guest Speaker: Minister Shanae Calhoun, Director
Of the Topeka JUMP Program

TOUR OF ST. MARK’S will be on July 9, 2022, in three time slots: 12:30pm, 1:00pm, and 1:30pm. Please check your email on Monday, to sign up for your desired time. We will have to come in small groups and mask will be required on the tour.

TAKING IT TO THE PARK - Historic St. Mark's will take both the Sunday Church School 9:30am and the 11:00am Worship Service to the Garfield Park on July 10, 2022. Please mark your calendar and plan to stay for lunch following the morning service.

TOWN HALL MEETING with Patrick Schmidt who is running to represent Kansas' 2nd District, is being hosted by the Methodist Union on July 11, 2022, at 6:30pm at the St. John AME Church. This will be an opportunity to meet the candidate, get his views on how he desires to represent the 2nd District, and etc. Also He will share concerning job opportunities to be made available through his campaign. Please mark your calendar.

Holiness of Women -July 23, 2022,10:00am
Guest Speaker: Rev. Shirley D. Heermance
Access information will be made available closer to date

PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDAR
JULY 24, 2022 * 4:00 pm
FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY
Sister Carolyn Campbell, Chairperson
(Check next week's bulletin for details)



**FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE
MIDWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The registration link for the 15th Session of the Midwest Conference which will take place September 14-17, 2022, is open. Please note the following:

- 1. Everyone must register to attend Annual Conference.**
- 2. In person registration is free but persons must identify which days they'll be attending in Person.**
- 3. Virtual Attendance is \$50**

Both the Midwest WMS & Midwest WIM Conventions are on September 14, 2022, and you will need to contact the leaders of those ministries for registration and attendance policies. Here's the Eventbrite link for the 15th Session of the Midwest Annual Conference:

[15th Midwest Annual Conference](#)

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Sister Diann Boldridge, Sis. Wanda Emerson, Sister Jamesina Evans, Rev. Theodore Evans, Sister Winnie Freelon, Sister Ramon Freelon, Sister Deborah Simpson, Sister Dixie Wilson. Continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in, the Lord has promised that the prayers of the righteous will avail much.

WITH OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES



Sister Diann Boldridge, as many know, took her journey into the higher reaches of Heaven on June 30th. Her Homegoing Celebration will be on Thursday July 7, 2022, at 1:00 PM in the chapel of Arnsberg-Pruett Funeral Home, Atchinson, KS. Visitation will be from 12Noon -1pm. The address is 208 North 5th Street, Atchison, KS 66002. For those who are planning to attend please let us coordinate, as much as possible. Please join Rev. Heermance on our ZOOM on Monday at 6pm, so to make plans.

The Homegoing Celebration for **Sister Ethel Gardenhire** is as follows:

July 8, 2022
St. John AME Church
701 SW Topeka, KS 66603
Visitation: 10:00am
Service: 11:00am

Please keep the families and one another in prayer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: We are happy that you have decided to worship with us on today! Feel free to visit often. If you're looking for a Church home we are here for you. Please let us know your interest following the morning message and at the extending of the Invitation to Discipleship. Either way we are glad you are here.
