

Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday January 19, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany– Liturgical Color is Green

Welcome

Vera Dillard

The Doxology

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Call to Worship

Kim Parker

Hymn of Praise

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” - Hymn #272

AMEC Hymnal

Kim Parker

Invocation

Nathan Eaton

Choral Response

Scripture: St. John 2:1-10

Darryl Westley

The MLK Litany

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Worship of Music

Announcements

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Moments of Fellowship

The Pastor’s Words

Rev. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.

Offering

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Reverend Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Altar Call Prayer

The Doxology

The Benediction

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Hymn of Praise “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Hymn #272 AMEC Hymnal – Words: Fanny Crosby – Tune: William Doane

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry, while on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. [Refrain]

Let me at a throne of mercy Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief. [Refrain]

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace. [Refrain]

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? [Refrain]

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Litany

Leader: In every era, God has chosen men and women to serve the needs of His people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth we celebrate. We are deeply thankful for the life of this twentieth century prophet.

People: May the wisdom and words of Martin Luther King rekindle our faith.

Leader: May the deep love that Dr. King had for all people, be released in us that we too might work miracles in the lives of those who continue to hate.

People: Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness and fear.

Leader: May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation. May all people come to believe that with perseverance, "We Shall Overcome."

People: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

Leader: May we continue to cultivate the nonviolent discipline of Dr. King, abandoning unrestrained acts of force. May the spirit of Dr. King continue to flow through our daily living.

People: He taught us that a heart full of grace and love is just as important as an education. He believed in self-respect and dignity, even though he knew that there would be difficult days ahead.

Leader: May we have the courage of Dr. King as we continue to stand up for justice, reconciliation and truth, despite challenge and controversy.

All: Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land; and he reassured us that we will get there one day. God of Glory, be with us on the journey. In Jesus Name. Amen!