

Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Liturgical Color is Green

Lay Witness Sunday – October 19, 2025

Welcome

Ruth Gladney

The Doxology

Ruth Gladney

Call to Worship

Ruth Gladney

Hymn of Praise

“Laymen’s Song”- Hymn #582 AMEC Hymnal

Ruth Gladney

Invocation

Andrew Johnson

Choral Response**Scripture: Romans 5: 8-11**

Maggie Greene

Lay Litany

LaHuse McFadden

The Occasion

Valerie Cherry-Jones

Worship of Music**Announcements****Video Presentation**

199th Church Anniversary: “Fruitfulness”

Acknowledgment of Visitors**Moments of Fellowship****The Pastor’s Words****Offering****Introduction of the Speaker**

Andre Eaton, President

Union Bethel Lay Organization

Sermonic Selection**The Sermon**

Chenay Saunders

1st VP, Washington Conference Lay Organization

Invitation to Christian Discipleship**Altar Call Prayer****The Doxology****The Lay Benediction**

All

The Extinguishing of the Candles**Hymn of Praise: “Laymen’s Song” #582 AMEC Hymnal**

Francis Watson – Thomas Hasting

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.

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.

As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright. Let our words be pure and holy, that we stand within Thy sight. Laymen Soldiers, strong in unity and love, Laymen Soldiers, strong in unity and love.

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. Amen.

SISTER CHENAY SAUNDERS



Chenay N. Saunders. is a proud Marylander and native daughter of Baltimore County with a heart for God's people and a mind wired for innovation. A double- graduate of Drexel University with both a Bachelor and Master of Science in Information Systems, Sis. Saunders blends technical brilliance with unwavering faith. She is the beloved daughter of Alison Johnson and the late William H. Saunders and bonus daughter of Rev. Emmanuel Johnson, and a living example of what happens when you walk boldly in your God-given purpose.

Professionally, Sis. Saunders is a Senior IT Program Manager with over two decades of experience helping organizations—both public and private—solve complex problems and modernize through the power of technology. Her joy comes not just from managing systems, but from empowering people through teaching, training, and unlocking the possibilities of innovation. Whether in a boardroom or a church hall, she brings the same spark: excellence wrapped in kindness, curiosity, and care.

In ministry, Sis. Saunders is an active and committed servant leader. She serves as the First Vice President of the Washington Conference Lay Organization and Technology Chair for both the Connectional Lay Organization and Second Episcopal District Lay Organization. She proudly grew up at Union Bethel AME Church in Randallstown, MD, where she found her voice, her faith, and her foundation through the youth ministries. She later became the youngest to serve as Steward Pro Tem—a testament to both her leadership and her love for the Church.

Guided by the spiritual gifts of faith and administration, Sis Saunders trusts God to do exceedingly, abundantly above all she can ask or think. Her favorite scripture, John 4:10, reminds us of the power of divine encounters: "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." She lives by the simple but powerful truth: "God's Got Me."

When she's not managing programs or facilitating ministry, you can find Sis. Saunders skating at the rink, piecing together intricate puzzles, or cooking up something delicious with her signature flair. An explorer at heart, she finds joy in traveling to new places, soaking in cultures, and chasing adventure with a smile. Above all, she is deeply devoted to her family, especially her cherished nieces and godchildren, who keep her inspired, grounded, and full of joy.