

Union Bethel

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

Lay Witness Sunday – September 27, 2026

Welcome

Ruth Gladney, Member

The Doxology

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Call to Worship

Catherine Avery, Recording Secretary

Hymn of Praise

“Guide My Feet”- Hymn #386 AMEC Hymnal

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Invocation

Andrew Johnson, Chaplain

Choral Response

Scripture: St. Matthew 21:28-32

Susan Fowler, Member

Lay Litany

Valerie Cherry-Jones

Director of Lay Activities

The Occasion

Andre Eaton, President

Worship of Music

Announcements

Birthday Recognitions

The Drama Ministry Presentation

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Moments of Fellowship

The Pastor’s Words

Offering

Introduction of the Speaker

Edna Mims, Member

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Brandon Lowe, Director of Music

Ward Memorial Chapel AME Church,

Washington, DC

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Altar Call Prayer

The Doxology

The Lay Benediction

All

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Hymn of Praise: “Guide My Feet” #386 AMEC Hymnal

Traditional Spiritual – Public Domain

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race, For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race, For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race For, I don’t want to run this race in vain.

I’m Your child while I run this race, I’m Your child while I run this race, I’m Your child while I run this race, For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Search my heart while I run this race, search my heart while I run this race, search my heart while I run this race, For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet, while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race, For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

THE LAY LITANY

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Faith. We celebrate what is visible today, and we acknowledge that there are innovations, opportunities, and blessings awaiting us in the future with possibilities so vast that they are beyond our current imagination.

People: Exceedingly, abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Gratitude. We are grateful to a God who blesses us not just with sufficiency, but with abundance—providing far more than we dare to ask, hope, or dream. This spirit of thankfulness fuels our optimism and unites us in grace.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Blessings. The advancement of science over the last century has eclipsed what our ancestors ever dared to dream. And much the same way, Lord, your blessings and the potential of them abound beyond our wildest expectations and imagination.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of our Ancestors. Generation after generation we continue to witness the evidence of grace and favor, a testament to God's enduring power which transcend both time and space.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

ALL: We are Reviving the Connection! Standing hand in hand, on one accord, searching God's Word, seeking God's will and serving God's people, surrounded by God's love whose plans for us are Exceedingly, Abundantly Above All That We Can Ask or Think.

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 LAY PERSONS WORKING WITH GOD
BUT AS LAY PERSONS WORKING WITH GOD
BUT AS LAY PERSONS WORKING WITH GOD
AMEN.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

BROTHER BRANDON LOWE

Director of Music, Ward Memorial Chapel AME Church
Washington, DC



Brandon Charles Alexander Lowe is a native of Washington, D.C., born to Michelle Lowe-Fouche and Alex Stewart. Educated in the public schools of Anne Arundel County and D.C. public charter schools, he earned a B.S. in Visual Communication Technology (Class of 2016) from Bowling Green State University. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) at Howard University School of Divinity, preparing for vocational ministry with a focus on worship, pastoral care, and community engagement.

An active member of Ward Memorial AME Church, Brandon serves as Music Coordinator and Praise Team Director and is a member of the Trustee Board. He is also involved with the J. Woodson Ficklin Multimedia Ministry, the Ward Choraleers, and the Joseph C. McKinney Lay Organization. Combining his multimedia background with theological training, Brandon is passionate about using music, media, and education to deepen worship, mentor youth, and strengthen community outreach. He resides in Laurel MD and enjoys collaborating with church leaders and volunteers to create inclusive, uplifting worship experiences.