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9th Episcopal District AME Church
Sons of Allen
2023 Annual Men of Valor Conference



Theme: "Trusting God in Changing Times; Let Him lead the way"

Scripture: Proverbs 3: 1-6

Saturday Worship Service
March 18, 2023

Saint John Fort Mitchell
African Methodist Episcopal Church
944 AL-165, Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

Brother Ricky Chambers, Host President
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**Worship Leader, Brother Kenneth Strong
Alabama River Region Conference Coordinator**

Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 647

Call to Worship: Brother Odis Perry
Hardaway, Union Springs

LEADER: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PEOPLE: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

LEADER: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

PEOPLE: But 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 your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

Hymn of Praise: "I Come to the Garden Alone" No. 452
I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

Prayer: Brother Steve Phillips
Gaines Chapel, Phenix City

Musical Selection: St. John AME Church Male Choir

Scripture Reading: Reverend LaDarrell Thames
Spencer Chapel and St. Paul

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The Offering: Brothers Robert Turner & Terry Jones
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Introduction of the Bishop: Presiding Elder Johnny Rutledge
Phenix City District

Sermonic Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" No. 68
O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Preached Word: Bishop Harry L. Seawright

Invitation to Christian Discipleship: Reverend Nathaniel Copeland
Person Chapel Midway

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 323
What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptation? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Announcements & Closing Remarks:

Benediction: