

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Prophet Elijah prayed to the Lord to answer him so the people may know Him as God.

P: *Lord, send your fire of revival upon us as we present our bodies as living sacrifices.*

L: Jesus also prayed that His disciples may be one so that they may be brought to complete unity.

P: *Through our unity in Christ, the world will know that God sent Jesus to prove His love for us.*

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

156

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Affirmation from 1st Timothy

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889

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:14-19

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Spirit Song"

347

Member Appreciation, Sending Forth & Blessing

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

"So The World Will Know"

*CLOSING HYMN

585

"This Little Light of Mine"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

*Immediately following worship is a reception in the Parlor for Jerry and Barb Peters

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

Birthdays

1 Jan Cox

8 Mary Ann Polliard

14 John Reef, Sr.

15 Alton Currence

20 Colton Thress

Anniversaries

8 Bruce & Lura Goff

16 Jerry & Heidi Raymond

31 Dan & Diane Cochran



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

Song Leader: Kathy Shafer



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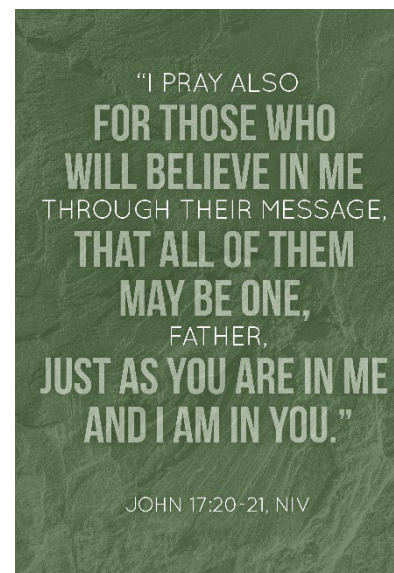
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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 29, 2024 – October 6, 2024):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday September 29

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:14-19; Reflection Verses: Isaiah 43:18-19

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What new thing is the Lord doing in your life? Who can you encourage with your testimony?

Monday September 30

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:4-14; Reflection Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: In what area (s) of your life are you trusting God’s plans? Where do you think God may be calling you to trust Him even more?

Tuesday October 1

Scripture Reading John 17:1-19; Reflection Verses: John 17:15-16

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you understand by believers being in the world and not of the world?

Wednesday October 2

Scripture Reading John 17:20-26; Reflection Verse: John 17:23

“I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is unity amongst believers an expression of God’s love and His presence?

Thursday October 3

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31; Reflection Verse: John 20:31

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you believe about Jesus Christ and the biblical teaching about Him?

Friday October 4

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Reflection Verse: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Have you received the Holy Spirit? How are you witnessing to Jesus?

Saturday October 5

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Reflection Verses: 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Are you a new creature in Christ Jesus? Please compare your life before you said yes to Jesus and now. What are the similarities and differences?

Isaiah 43:14-19

God's Mercy and Israel's Unfaithfulness

¹⁴ This is what the LORD says—

your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

“For your sake I will send to Babylon

and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians,^[a]
in the ships in which they took pride.

¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One,
Israel's Creator, your King.”

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

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John 17:20-26

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you^[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."