

The Church of the Bells

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after the Epiphany · 8 am & 11 am 3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018

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CENTERING MOMENT

Come into this place with a quiet heart. Be still before God and wait patiently, for the Lord is merciful.

PRELUDE

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Civilla D. Martin, Charles H. Gabriel

Robert Johnson, Jr. Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

Associate Pastor

GREETING

E. Lynn Matthews *Liturgist*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

People: We will be still before the Lord

and wait patiently.

Leader: We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

People: When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in peace and security.

Leader: The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

People: We will be still before the Lord

and wait patiently.

Abingdon Worship Annual (Sara Lambert)

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we come together to pause, pray, and praise.

Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy.

You provide for us;

help us claim the power of your love for our lives.

Help us to measure out grace,

shaking it together with forgiveness

and give them to others

as you would have us do. Amen.

(Sara Lambert)

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Hymnal #133

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"God Is Standing By"
Walter Hawkins

Jubilant Voices
Jules Green, Myron Jackson,
and Walter Richards, soloists

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:49-50 Common English Bible

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Stand Up" Joshuah Brian Campbell, Cynthia Erivo Jubilant Voices

Melida Skeete Smith, soloist

MESSAGE

"Eyes on the Prize"

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin *Lead Pastor*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING

*BENEDICTION Rev. Cyrus-Franklin

POSTLUDE "Eye of the Tiger" Robert Johnson, Jr.

Frank Sullivan, James Peterik

TODAY IN WORSHIP: Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Lead Pastor; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, Associate Pastor; Rev. Louis Chase, Minister of Community Outreach; In Memoriam Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., Pastor Emeritus; E. Lynn Matthews, Liturgist; The Jubilant Voices, Melida Skeete Smith, Director; Robert Johnson, Jr., Organist; David R. Sears, Production Mixer; Mark Conway, Video Director; Keith McGruder, House Mixer; Fitzroy Younge, House Mixer; Jules Green, Post-Production; Mychael Carter, Audio Tech/Mixer

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER LIST | All those affected by recent wildfires and storms, Maritza Brown, Kamille Linton, Hazel Storey, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.

BEREAVEMENT | Rev. Dr. Lydia Waters, Interim Pastor of Grace UMC, made her transition on Thursday, February 20. Arrangements are pending. Homegoing services for Rev. Phillip Lawson will be held at Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, CA, on Thursday, February 27 at 11:00 am. • A celebration of the life of Luren Lightburn, the brother of Mrs. Geraldine Clark Flowers, is scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 11:30 am in the Holman sanctuary. • Cory Johnson, the cousin of Addie and Ta'Lecia Arbor, passed away on January 13, 2025. His homegoing service was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Harrison & Ross Mortuary, 4701 S. Crenshaw Blvd. • Please continue to pray for the families of Isaac Jones, Phillip Cloud, Freddie Lee Roberts, Sonia Sambulla, and Lorell Williams for whom arrangements are pending.

AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for the **Fellowship Hour**, hosted by the **Hospitality Ministry**, in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service. We will recognize DeRonn White, for ten years of service to Holman. While at fellowship, purchase a Holman 80th Anniversary t-shirt from Holman United Methodist Men to benefit the parsonage restoration.
- The **Annual Concert of Negro Spirituals** returns to the Holman sanctuary this afternoon at 3:00 pm. Sponsors are still welcome! To sponsor the concert, speak to any choir member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- There will be **two Storehouse Ministry events** this week: Wednesday Group will meet February 26, 10am-1pm. Food Distribution resumes Thursday, February 27, 10am-1pm.
- Church Council Called Meeting on Saturday, March 1, 10:00 am 11:00 am via Zoom.
- Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH) continues on Saturdays, March 8 and March 22, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. To register, visit holmanumc.com/calendar.
- The Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music & Worship in the Black Church and Beyond begins at Holman Monday, March 17 and ends Wednesday, March 19. Registration is open to the public.
- Registration is open until March 5 for the **Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) General Meeting**, hosted at Holman from Wednesday, March 19 to Saturday, March 22.
- Lenten Study & Prayer sign ups begin today! Register at holmanumc.com/calendar to pre-order Pastor Linda Furtado's Jesus. Now What? and attend a March 2 Q&A in White Hall with the author.

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Sunday, February 23
Sunday Worship
8:00am-9:15am | Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday12:45-1:15pm

Book Talk

9:15am-10:15am | Every Sunday | Online Noel Leo Erskine, Black Theology and Black Faith

Children's Church

DIGITAL LESSON "The Secret of a Giving Heart"
9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday | Johnson Chapel

Sunday Worship

11:00am-12:15pm | Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 25

A-MAN STEM Center: After School Program

3:30pm-5:30pm | Every Tuesday Love Education Building

Finance Committee Monthly Meeting

6:30pm-7:45pm | 4th Tuesday every month | Online

Wednesday, February 26

Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00pm-2:00pm | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays | Crockett Library

Thursday, February 27

Celebration of Life: Luren Lightburn

11:30am-1:30pm | Sanctuary

Storehouse Ministry Food Distribution

10:00am-1:00pm | Every other Thursday Love Education Building

Friday, February 28

Friday Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

7:30am-8:30am | Every Friday | Phone

Saturday, March 1

Called Church Council Meeting

10:00am-11:00am | Online

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, March 2

Lenten Study & Prayer Challenge Q & A (Registration Link)

12:45pm-1:15pm | Online

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 8

Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)

9:00am-12:00pm | Love Education Building

Sunday, March 16

United Women in Faith: Spiritual Growth Circle

1:00pm-3:00pm | 3rd Sunday every other month Crockett Library

Monday, March 17-Wednesday, March 19
Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music and
Worship in the Black Church and Beyond

Wednesday, March 19 - Saturday, March 22 Black Methodists for Church Renewal General Meeting (<u>Registration Link</u>) All day

Sunday, March 23

United Women in Faith: Monthly Meeting

1:00pm-3:00pm | 4th Sunday every month Crockett Library

Saturday, March 29

Black Kidney Kare Symposium

9:00am-2:00pm | L. L. White Hall