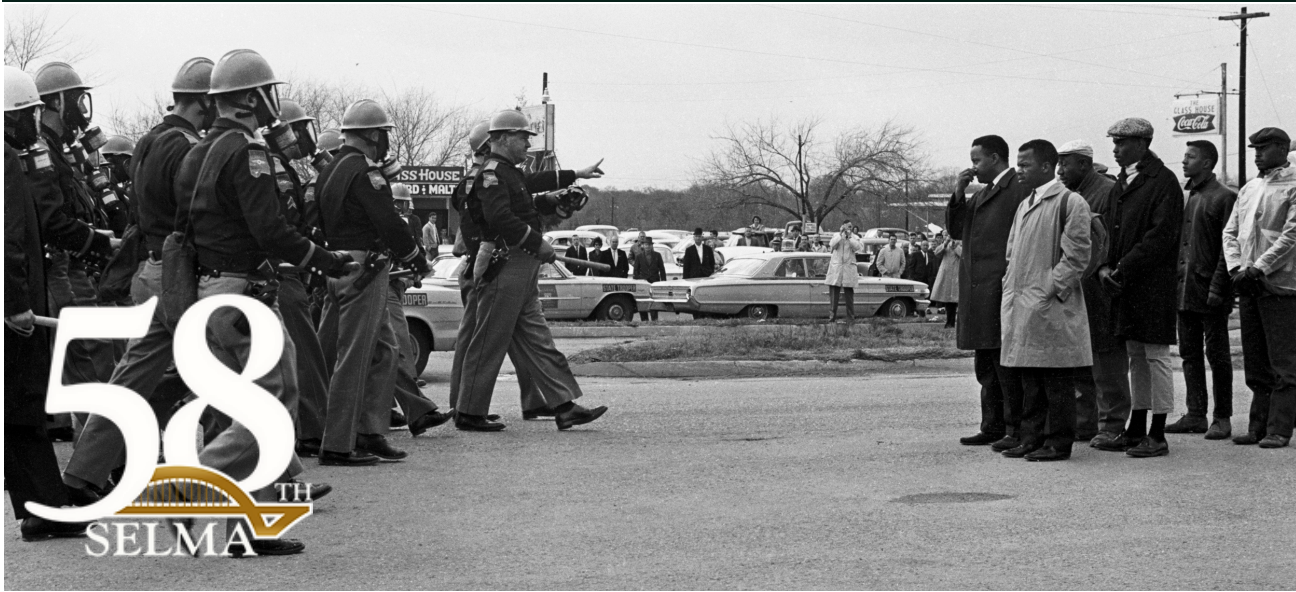
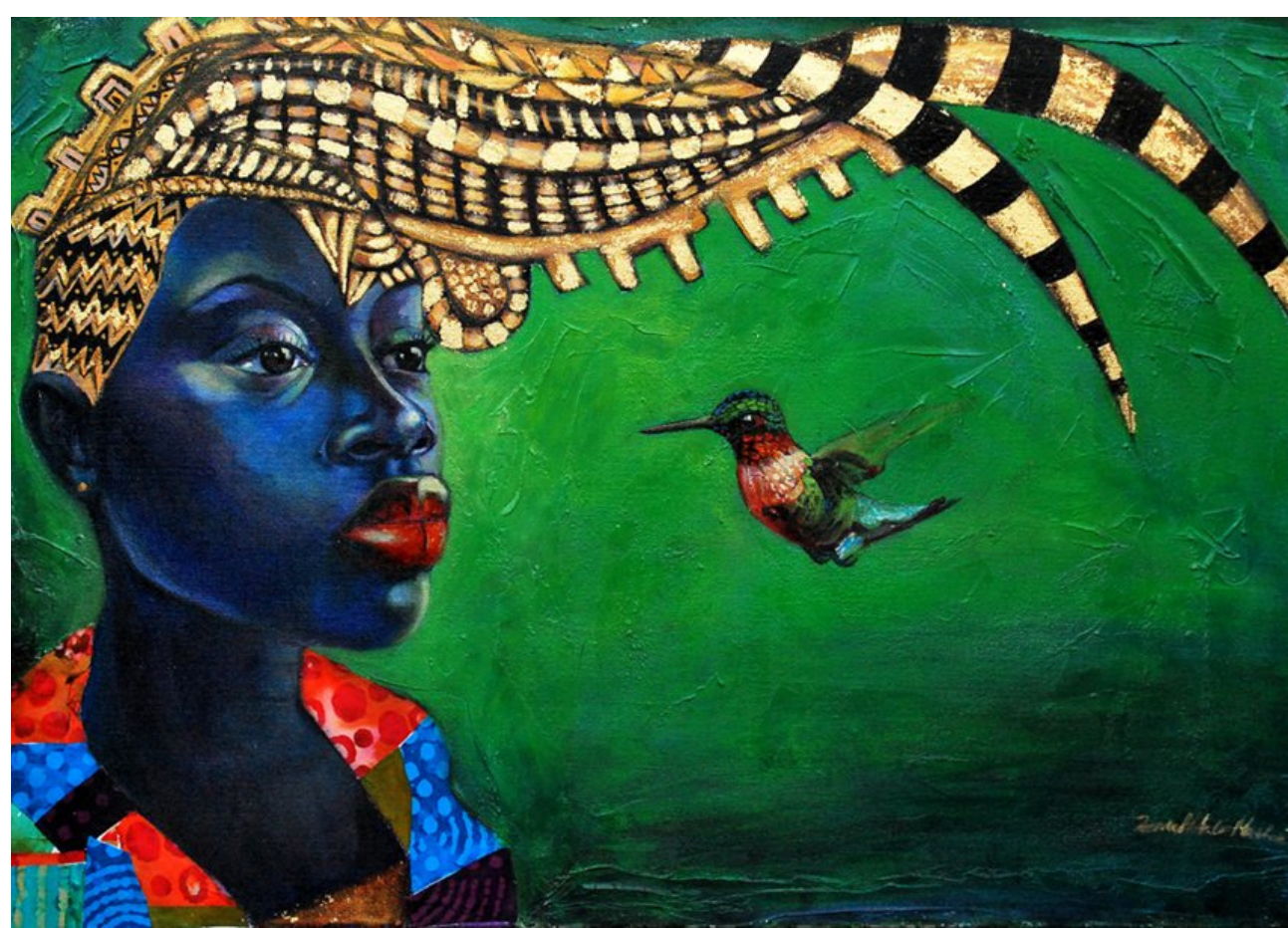


Deeper Understanding

# BLOODY SUNDAY



The events in Selma galvanized public opinion and mobilized Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act, which President Johnson signed into law on August 6, 1965. Today, the bridge that served as the backdrop to "Bloody Sunday" still bears the name of a white supremacist, but now it is a symbolic civil rights landmark.



## WELCOME TO SWEET MAGNOLIA

Established in 1914, the name Magnolia honors the Mother Church founded in 1864 near Louisville.

Affectionately known as Sweet Magnolia, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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# Magnolia




## MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

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SELMA

*"I wasn't looking for notoriety [when we marched]. But if that's what it took [to get attention], I didn't care how many licks I got. It just made me even more determined to fight for our cause."*

— Amelia Boynton Robinson

 Dweninmmen is a symbol of strength with humility.



Lent

A SEASON OF RENEWAL  
February 22 - April 8

re·new·al

the replacing or repair of something that is worn out, run-down, or broken.

Lent consists of the forty days before Easter in which Christians prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ by practicing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and penitence. Sundays are always excluded as fast days during Lent because they are mini-Easters that symbolize the weekly celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

MEATLESS MONDAYS | Abstain from all meat.

TEN DOLLAR TUESDAY | Spend \$10 or less for the entire day.


WATER ONLY WEDNESDAYS | Abstain from all beverages except water.

THRICE THURSDAYS | Pray a minimum of three times throughout the day.

FRIED-NOT-FRIDAYS | Abstain from all fried foods

SILENT SATURDAYS | Spend a minimum of one hour in silent mediation.

This sacrifice is in connection with the members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Pleasantville NJ by Pastor Willie Dwayne Francois III.

 ADINKRAHENE is the King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority

# Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare." — Audre Lorde



**#WHM2023** | March is Women's History Month. We are "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" throughout the month. This theme is adopted from the National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March to be declared National Women's History Month.

History helps us learn who we are, but our power and dreams are immediately diminished when we don't know our history.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life - domestic workers, science, community, government, literature, art, sports, and medicine - has a significant impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.



**ABOUT THE COVER** | Tamara Natalie Madden (1975 -2017) was a Jamaican-born mother, mixed-media artist, and professor of art and visual culture at Spelman College in Atlanta. On November 4, 2017, she died at her home in Snellville, Georgia, only two weeks after being diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer. She was 42.

**4 WAYS TO GIVE**  
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**Arans Ntegan** is the Spider's web. A symbol of wisdom, craftiness, creativity, and the complexities of life.

# Order of Service

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 5, 2023 | 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon Johnny Tremble

Lesson Text: Luke 15:11-24; Time of Action: 30 A.D.; Place of Action: Probably Perea, a region east of the Jordan. Golden Text: "And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son" (Luke 15:21).

CALL TO WORSHIP

*This Morning When I Rose* by Mississippi Mass Choir, Doxology, Responsive Reading, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

*Sweet Magnolia will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.*

SERVICE OF LIGHTS AND A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

*Great Things* by Preschea Hilliard

Today, we light the candles on the Altar, acknowledging March as Women's History Month. Specifically, we thank God for the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women who have shaped our history and those who are telling our story today in word and deed.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Joy* by VaShawn Mitchell

Offertory Claim - *I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore, GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me!* Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Center of My Joy* by Richard Smallwood

THE PREACHED WORD

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

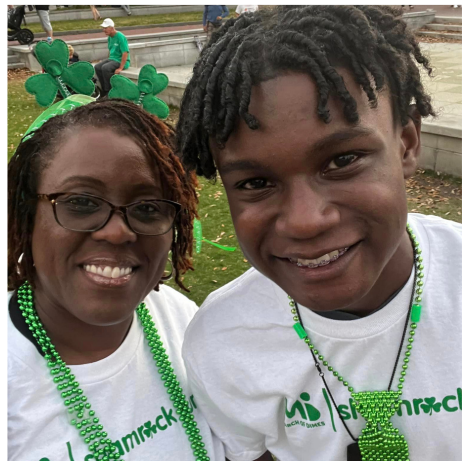
BENEDICTION

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.* —Jude 24-25

**Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 • John 3:1-17**



**GYE NYAME** means "except for God" This symbolizes the Supremacy of God.



Thank you!



MARCH OF DIMES



ME WARE WO means "I shall marry you" and symbolizes commitment and perseverance.



# Responsive Reading

## A LITANY IN PRAISE OF BLACK WOMEN

Leader: Today, O God, we honor Black women—carriers and cultivators of culture. In a lush African garden, your hands fashioned her as Mother of Creation. Bless her now as she continues to pass culture on to future generations.

**Together: Thank you for Black women. Black women blesses the earth.**

Leader: We remember some of the African queens: Hatshepsut, Nefertiti, Makeda, Nzingha, and Yaa Asantewa. Through the centuries they grew in wisdom and strength. Fertile minds were formed at their knee. They nurtured kingdoms as queen rulers of mighty nations. Bless Black women now, as they continue to educate and lead their people.

**Together: Strengthen Black women. The genius of Black women enriches the earth.**

Leader: We remember Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Pauli Murray, and Rosa Parks. The Black woman was treated as property during enslavement and the Middle Passage. Yet she survived and her vision of freedom ignited a determination to struggle for human and civil rights. Bless Black women now, as they fight against injustice through strategies for hope, survival, and advancement.

**Together: Empower Black women. The bravery of Black women ennobles the earth.**

Leader: We remember Augusta Savage, Katherine Dunham, Marian Anderson, Mahalia Jackson, and Meta Warrick Fuller. They birthed Black literacy and artistic traditions. Through autobiography, quilts, sculpture, dance, song, and poetry, the once-muffled voices of black women ring clear with creative power. Bless them now, as their moans and hums, whispers, and shouts make our land beautiful.

**Together: Inspire Black women. The beauty of Black women adorns the earth.**

Leader: We remember Rahab, Zapporah, Jarena Lee, Julia Foote, and Zilpha Elaw. Black women prayed and preached, healed, and helped faithfully at all times. As prayer warriors, they knew how to trust you, O God, especially in times of trouble. Their triumph has sparked fire in our souls.

**Together: May the light that radiates from you today cast beautiful patterns on our lives through the Black women in our life. We rejoice now, God, with Black women everywhere. Thank you, Lord. The work of Black women, many times stolen or without equal pay or even gratitude, blesses the earth.**

For the last shall be first and the first last - Matthew 20:16



ANANSE NTONTAN means "spider's web" and symbolizes wisdom and creativity.