

Deeper Understanding

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



FEBRUARY 25, 2023 | Join this Church for a Saturday Excursion to Macon for a day of cultural enrichment. We will spend the day visiting the Tubman Museum's exhibits on African-American art, history and culture that include a huge mural and the Inventors Gallery. Of course, there will be time for great food and shopping.



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

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"I had reasoned this out in my mind; there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty, or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other."

- Harriet Tubman



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Church Covenant

GOD'S WORK HERE AMONG AND THROUGH US

Living out the Christian faith Together

LEADER: Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly host solemnly and joyfully enters into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

RESPONSE: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

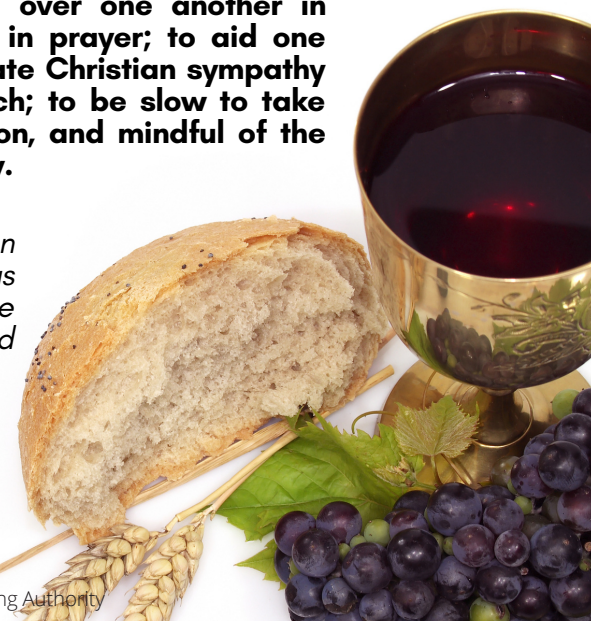
LEADER: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

RESPONSE: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

TOGETHER: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



ADINKRAHENE is the King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority





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Responsive Reading

ON GOD'S CARE FOR US

Leader: "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light keep us forever in Thy path we pray." Even as the worlds were formed, continents named, oceans separated, and your plan for mankind began to unfold, you had us on your mind.

People: Thank you, Gracious Lord, for including us in your divine plan.

Leader: When you decided to perfectly place man in your world, you chose to place him in our Motherland.

People: Thank you, Gracious Lord, for including us in your divine plan.

Leader: Throughout Holy Scripture and throughout our history, we have witnessed your keeping power and we have been recipients of your love and grace.

People: Thank you, Gracious Lord, for including us in your divine plan.

Leader: We shall ever be mindful of how you brought us together after the middle passage, delivered us from the chains of slavery, and carried us through the civil rights movement.

People: May we always remember your love towards us.

Leader: We thank you, dear Savior, for the gifts, talents, uniqueness, and cultural blessings you have poured out upon our people.

People: May we always appreciate the blessings you have given us.

Leader: We thank you for our mathematic, scientific, and literary genius. We thank you jazz, gospel, and the blues. We thank you for beautiful locks of hair and beautiful shades and complexions of skin, and even for soul-food.

People: May we always appreciate our unique beauty and giftedness.

Leader: We thank you for the wisdom, strength, and determination we learned from our ancestors and for the blessings and love of family, O God.

Together: And we stand today, as a corporate family in love to remember, reflect, honor, and celebrate the heritage, history, and legacy you have given to us. And we ask that you, O Lord, will keep us forever in thy path, we pray. Amen.



EBAN means a fence as security and love.

Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

If you don't have a lens that's been trained to look at how various forms of discrimination come together, you're unlikely to develop a set of policies that will be as inclusive as they need to be.

Kimberle Williams Crenshaw



#BHM2023 | Black History Month is a time to celebrate the fullness of African American history and culture, but that cannot be contained in one month alone.

We are following the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture Calendar as we seek to humanize history and objects through the lives, tragedies, and triumphs of everyday people—while paying tribute to our pioneers' trailblazing contributions.

- Week 1, Feb. 1-5: A Tradition of Activism
- Week 2, Feb. 6-12: Foundations of Faith
- Week 3, Feb. 13-19: The Value of Education
- Week 4, Feb. 20-26: The Black Press
- Week 5, Feb. 27-28: Leaning into Black Joy

ABOUT THE COVER | Jacob Lawrence brings Harriet Tubman's story to life in *Forward* using carefully chosen imagery and composition. Black artists have shaped the visual culture of the United States. Often channeling their familial backgrounds and personal experiences in our work, these creative figures have influenced and inspired much of American art's evolution. Discover 10 Groundbreaking African American Artists That Shaped History.



4 WAYS TO GIVE
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ONLINE SMART PHONE MAIL SUNDAY

Anise Nwadike is the Spider's web. A symbol of wisdom, craftiness, creativity, and the complexities of life.

Order of Service

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023 | 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon Johnny Tremble

Lesson Text: II Timothy 1:3-14; Time of Action: probably about 67 A.D.; Place of Action: Paul writes to Timothy from Rome. Golden Text: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 1:13).

CALL TO WORSHIP

O, How I Love Jesus by Frederick Whitfield, Doxology, Responsive Reading, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

Mount Moriah 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

You Know My Name by Tasha Cobbs

Today, we light the candles on the Altar, acknowledging our history as Africans and people of African descent in the Americas. God has been with us in our past, filled with trial and tumult. God is present with us as we seek to preserve and retell our story today. God will be with us as we shape our story in the days ahead.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

I will Bless the Lord at All Times by Joe Pace

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

Forever by Jason Nelson

THE PREACHED WORD

In Love: Two Words from the Heart

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Lectionary: Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 112:1-9 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 • Matthew 5:13-20