

*"Christianity has always insisted that the cross  
we bear precedes the crown we wear."*

— JAMES H. CONE, THE CROSS  
AND THE LYNCHING TREE

## WELCOME TO SWEET MAGNOLIA

Established in 1914, the name  
Magnolia honors the Mother Church  
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Affectionately known as Sweet  
Magnolia, this ministry has stood as a  
physical representation of the hope  
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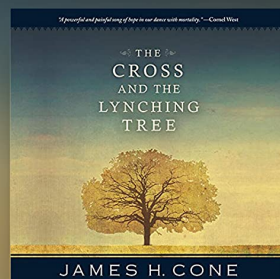
*Sunday Worship*

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor



**"The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God's presence in Jesus' solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of despair."**

— James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*



LISTENING ON  
**audible**

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk.

James Hal Cone (August 5, 1938 – April 28, 2018) was an American theologian, best known for his advocacy of black theology and black liberation theology.



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SUNDAY

**4 WAYS TO GIVE**

**TEXT BLESSED TO 912.274.8802**



**Dweninmmen** is a symbol of strength with humility. Humility is a cherished virtue among the Akans

# Order of Service

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 4, 2022 | 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL - UNBROKEN PROMISES

Lesson Text: Genesis 12:1-5, 7; 15:1-7; Time of Action: 2100–2090 BC.; Place of Action: Haran; Canaan  
Golden Text: "And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him" (Genesis 12:7).

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let It Rise* by William Murphy with *Spirit of the Living God* as a Chant and Libations

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

The Altar Candles burn throughout September as a focus on our HABITS, ROUTINES, & RITUALS. *Let Praises Rise* by Myron Butler is inspired by our children's children call from the future for us to declare and move in excellence NOW!

*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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*My Soul has been Anchored In the Lord* inspired by Luke 14:25-33

THE PREACHED WORD

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21*

**Lectionary:** Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

• Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1 • Philemon 1:1-21 • Luke 14:25-33

**ADINKRAHENE**, King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority

