

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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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor



# Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

Asa Hilliard, professor of educational psychology, worked on indigenous ancient African history, culture, education, and society. He said never let them begin our history with slavery," Moore said. "We address the history of Africa and all its contributions prior to the slave trade."



**#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 | "Broom Jumpers" by Bisa Butler 2019 (quilted and appliquéd cotton, wool and chiffon. 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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# Order of Service

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 5, 2023 | 9:00 AM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon Johnny Tremble

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 1:18-31; Time of Action: about 55 A.D.; Place of Action: Paul writes to the church in Corinth from Ephesus. Golden Text: "And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence" (I Corinthians 1:28-29).

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*I Love You Lord Today* by Edwin Hawkins, 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

*Speak to My Heart* by Donnie McClurkin

Today, we light the candles on the Altar acknowledging our history as Africans and people of African descent in the Americas. God has been present 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 go forward to shape our story in the days ahead.

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Your Great Name* by Todd Dulaney

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

*I'm Yours* by Casey J

## THE PREACHED WORD

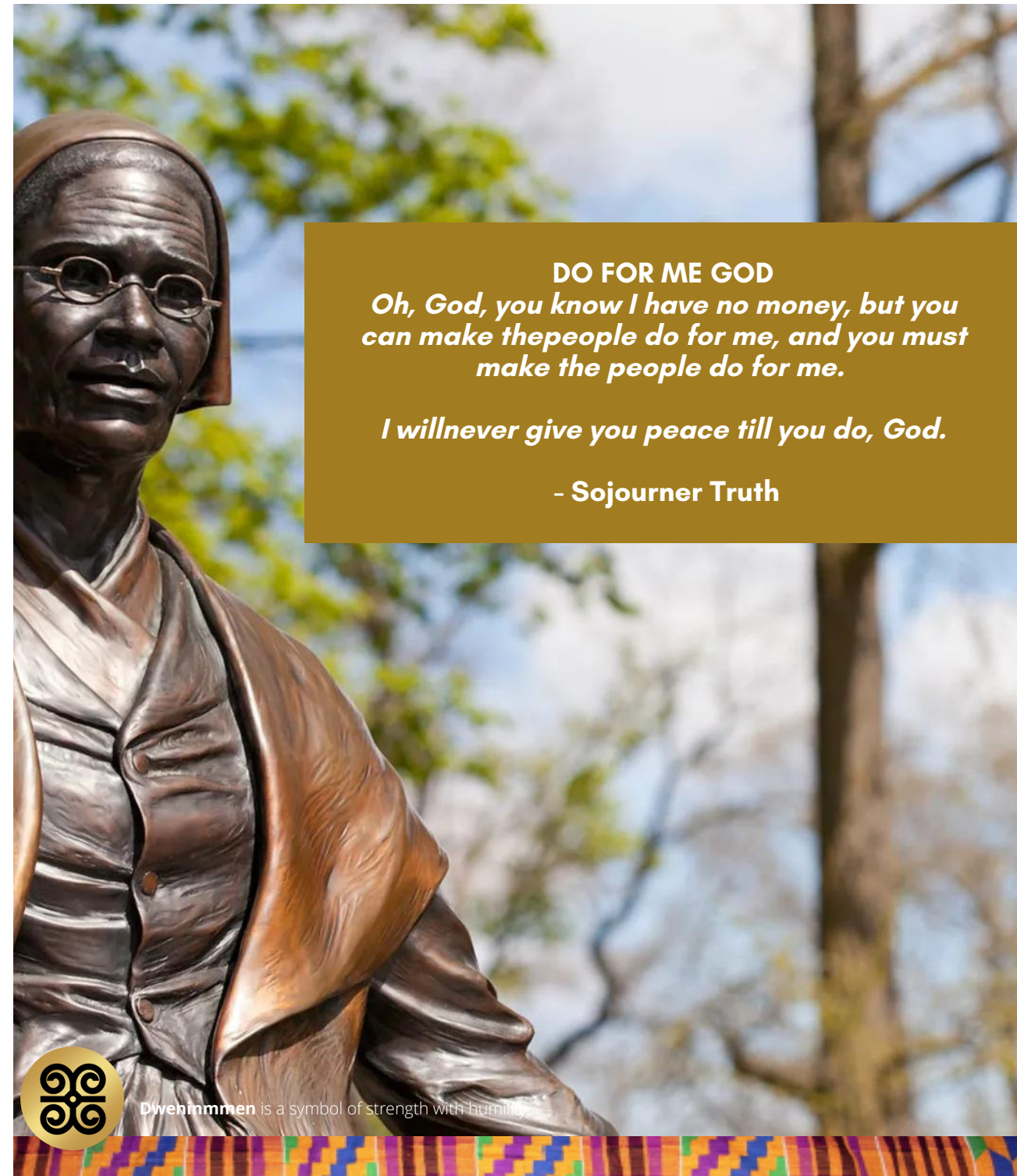
*In Love: Two Words from the Heart*  
Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

## 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**





**DO FOR ME GOD**  
*Oh, God, you know I have no money, but you can make the people do for me, and you must make the people do for me.*

*I will never give you peace till you do, God.*

**- Sojourner Truth**



Dwenimmen is a symbol of strength with humility.

# Responsive Reading

## ON OUR HISTORY

Leader: Source of our being, manifested in Word and Spirit, we enter ever more deeply into your presence, calling on You, because You are our stronghold and our deliverer; You are our rock in a weary land; You are our balm in Gilead, and we praise You. We worship You for your great majesty and your overwhelming love, and we thank You for Your great faithfulness unto us.

**All: We glorify You, for You have kept us in the midst of it all. Aṣẹ.\*\***

Leader: Morning by morning new mercies we see, we ask for Your mercy on our souls for every way that we consciously, subconsciously, and unconsciously forget you. Show mercy on our ignorance in Your sight. We ask mercy for the desecration of earth and space, for the desecration of our bodies, minds, and spirits. We ask mercy for worshipping the false gods of materialism, colonialism, classism, colorism, racism, sexism, heterosexism, and all other forms of egoism. We ask mercy for believing and perpetuating lies that hurt us and others, confusing the beauty of Your harmonious nature.

**All: Have Mercy on us and strengthen us by Your Spirit. Lead us to Zion. Aṣẹ.**

Leader: Lest we forget, we remember all who have perished in the struggle for justice. We remember all who perished in the middle passage, dying shackled, laying in their own excrement. We remember those who sacrificed themselves to the sea.

**All: Lest we forget, we remember the enslavement, the torture, the beatings, the lynching, the vandalism, the rapes, the murders, the massacres, the genocide. We remember the psychological and physical abuse and trauma.**

**[Moment of Silence]**

**All: But You are our help. You are our lily of the valley. We know that our redeemer lives, and that You empower us by Your Spirit. Your blood never loses its power, and so here, we stand as intercessors bearing Your image. We are Your peace, and we worship You. Aṣẹ.**

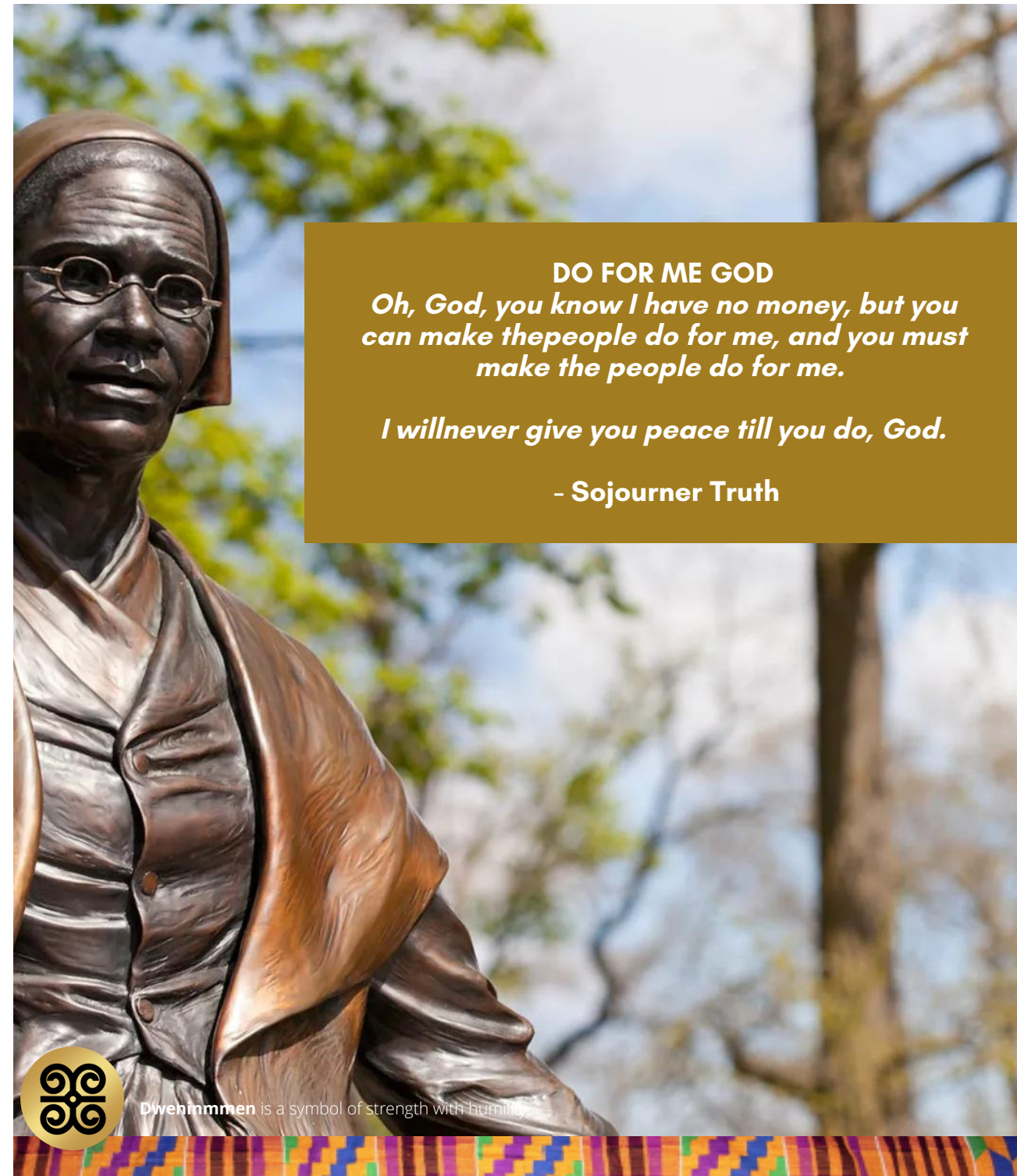
\*\*Aṣẹ. comes from the Yoruba tradition of West Africa and is likened to "Amen" and "And so it is." It expresses the power to manifest.



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