

Love



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Call to Worship

Reverend Lyndetta Alsberry

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.” Psalm 105:1 NIV

Opening Hymn #513 “Time is Filled With Swift Transitions”

Stephanie Price-Hammond

Invocation

Brother Kenneth Kelley

God, we patiently and expectantly wait for the birth of Your son Jesus, the savior of the world. Your presence changes all things for the better. We worship and praise our creator and maker. We light the candle of love this morning. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in this service and pour out God’s love into our hearts. Forgive our sins in word, thought, and deed. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Be glorified in this service. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to save us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NIV

Brother Kenneth Kelley

Advent Celebration of Life

Lighting of Candles

Litany – “We Remember Them” Ministerial Staff

***A.M.E.C. Bicentennial Hymnal. Nashville, TN: African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1984.**

We Remember Them

By: Rabbi Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

Leader: In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength,
Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: When we are lost and sick of heart,
Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

Leader: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us.
Rev. Lyndetta: We Remember Them.

From Gates of Prayer, Published by Central Conference of American Rabbis

Closing Prayer - Prayer for the Grieving, Bereaved, and Mourning
Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black

Opening Hymn #115 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Stephanie Price-Hammond

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5a Brother Kenneth Kelley

New Testament Ephesians 3:14-19 Brother Kenneth Kelley

Worship God in Giving

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Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Lyndetta Alsberry

Sermonic Selection “Oh Holy Night” Stephanie Price-Hammond

Sermon “Love Is Confirmation And Affirmation” Luke 1:39-55
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- Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- Benediction

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We invite you to share your praise reports and prayer request!

Stay Safe! Wear mask! Physical Distance! Wash your hands!
Pray for Pastor Black!

