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FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES



Service of Worship

For the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

How Great Thou Art - Whitworth

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us together as neighbors in faith: **to celebrate those who came before us**
To be in community with those around us **and to care for those who will come after us**
In the name of Jesus, let us be good neighbors. **Let us be neighbors who praise the Lord!**

*OPENING SONG

Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

SELECTION

James Weldon Johnson, Jacksonville, FL

Lift Every Voice and Sing (UMH No. 519)

Clafin University Concert Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Worship activity bags are available for children staying in worship,
and the nursery is open for kids aged four and under.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER

OFFER GIFTS TO GOD

SELECTION

Robert Ray

Acclamation (from Gospel Mass)

Clafin Choir

He Never Failed Me Yet

Clafin and Chancel Choirs

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON

"Where Prayer Meets Pavement"
Jeremiah 29:7; John 1:14; Luke 10:36-37

Rev. Emily Knight

SELECTION

Trey McLaughlin

Gospel Medley

Clafin Choir

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND

Welcome Claflin University Concert Choir!



Claflin University is a private historically black university in Orangeburg, South Carolina, United States. Founded in 1869 after the American Civil War by northern missionaries for the education of freedmen and their children, it offers bachelor's and master's degrees. It was originally named Claflin College, and was founded in 1869 by Alonzo Webster, a minister for the Methodist Episcopal Church (today the United Methodist Church). Claflin College opened its doors on October 27, 1869.

Webster had received a charter from the state of South Carolina to establish a college for freed slaves to take their rightful places as full American citizens. Claflin University is the oldest historically black college or university in South Carolina and touts itself as the first college in the state to welcome all students regardless of race or gender. It was the first Black college to offer architectural drawing courses.

The university was named after two Methodist churchmen: Massachusetts Governor William Claflin and his father, Boston philanthropist Lee Claflin, who provided a large part of the funds to purchase the 43-acre campus. Claflin's first president was Alonzo Webster, who had previously spent time as a member of Claflin's board of trustees. Since the administration of Webster, Claflin has been served by eight presidents.

Dr. Charlie Toomer, Assistant Professor of Music/Director of Chorale Services, is a Florida native and has taught in public schools and at the collegiate level. Dr. Toomer received his Bachelor of Music degree from Florida A & M University and his Masters and PhD from Florida State University.



We invite you to contribute a love offering to support the Claflin University Concert Choir scholarship fund .

Announcements

Serving in Worship Today

Greeters: Sharon & Jeff Joos
Tech Team: Judy & Danny Marks
Liturgist: Rick Bible
Ushers: Brittany Bruce, Craig Coffey, Jane Hazlett

Worship Attendance

February 9, 2025

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| Contemporary Service - In Person | 60 |
| Contemporary Service - Online | 7 |
| Traditional Service - In Person | 121 |
| Traditional Service - Online | 12 |
| Total Worship | 200 |

What's Happening This Week?

Today:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
(Rooms 202 & 204)
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)
Music Dept. Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

Other Activities:


Board of Trustees: Monday at 6:00 p.m.
(Library)
Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Girl Scouts: Tuesday at 5:30
(Room 202)
Karate: Tues. & Thurs. at 5:30 p.m., Sat. at 3:00 p.m.
(Room 304)
Church Council: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
(Library)
Circle of Joy & Peace: Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:30 p.m.
(McCord Building)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
(Room 501)

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Free Meals Served Last Week: 132

Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know you are here today. You can find one in the pew pocket or scan here.



Coffee with Pastor Emily

Sunday, February 23
Between Services (10ish)
in the Fellowship Hall



Worship & Communion

Sunday, March 2nd
9am Contemporary
11am Traditional



Margaret's Memories Bracelet Making

March 2 10-1
Fellowship Hall



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday
March 5, 2025 6:30pm
RPUMC Sanctuary
Lent begins.

CONFIRMATION

begins March 5th
to mentor or participate
please contact Pastor Emily by Feb 17th

2025

RPUMC CHURCH CAMPUS TOUR

MARCH 16TH @ 10AM
MEET AT THE WELCOME TABLE
WEAR COMFY SHOES

Opening to Grace Retreat

Friday, March 14, 2025 8:30 - 4:00
Riverside Park UMC Parlor (1st Floor McCord Bldg)

For more information and to register visit: gestaltpastoralcare.org
or talk to Scott Brooks-Cope

Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): www.mywell.org/give/rpumc

