



Gaines Chapel

AMEC
Grounded, Growing and Glorifying God

Black History Month First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024



Preparation for Worship (Music Playing)

Greetings and Salutation: Pastor Myers

Welcome and Invocation: Rev. Verna Queen

The Call to Worship: Rev. Jaimie Harvey

Leader: Gracious God, we have gathered separately, yet together to worship You. Almighty God, we come into Your presence, although seated and situated in various places, yet still together because we know that where two or three are gathered in Your name, you are in the midst. Loving Father, you are our creator and redeemer. You are the author and finisher of our faith.

People: Lord Jesus, we come into Your presence, collectively, we come into your presence, faithfully, we come into Your presence in unity to worship You!

Congregational Hymn

The Psalms

Psalm 25: 1-10

Rev. Tonya McCleary

The Gospel

Mark 1: 9-15

Rev. Aaron Myers

*“From All that Dwell Below the Skies, Let thy Creator’s Praise Arise
Let The Redeemer’s Name Be Sung, through Every Land by Every Tongue”*

SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Rev. Jaimie Harvey: Hear what Christ our Savior saith, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all my mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

GLORIA PATRI—GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Black History Moment

Rev. Aaron Myers

Preparation for the Word (Music Playing)

The Message: Pastor Myers

Kingdom Invitation (Salvation, Discipleship and Fellowship) & Altar Prayer

Pastor Myers

Worship of Giving

Tithers’ Pledge: Rev. Verna Queen

Dear Lord, we raise our gifts to You, trusting in the covenants. You promised us that when we give our best to You, You will give back even greater. We understand that tithing is an act of faith and a testimony to Your faithfulness. Lord, we are grateful for Your continued excellence in our lives, so we offer unto You our best, believing that You, LORD God, are our strength and power, and You will keep us covered in every situation and supply every need so that there is no lack; You will make our ways perfect. Amen.

Offertory Prayer: Rev. Tonya McCleary

Offertory Response: *“All things come of thee O’Lord, and of Thy own, have we given thee”*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Remarks and Benediction: Pastor Myers

“Grounded in God’s Word, Growing in His Grace and Committed to Giving Him Glory”