

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Theme: *The Blessing in Giving!* Acts 20:35

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE PROFESSIONAL HYMN “O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling” AMEZH #380

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader

God is The Giver of every good and perfect gift (*James 1:17*). As recipients of God’s good and perfect gifts, we are charged to give to others. Because God has blessed us to give, we should share our blessings and publish glad tidings! We come on this Global Missions Sunday to bless the mission work of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church!

THE INVOCATION

A Missionary

Thank You, God, for giving us life, health and a reasonable portion of strength! We acknowledge that all we have comes from You and from what You have given us, we are able to give back to You and to share with others in return. What we have is not our own, thank You for blessing us with what we may call our own. When we give back a portion of what You have given, then we acknowledge that everything actually belongs to You (Psalm 50:10). When we give to others, we demonstrate that we are obeying You (Deuteronomy 16:17). When we give to Global Missions and other charitable organizations that help those in need, we participate in Kingdom ministry and service. Help us to be more giving and more loving to those who are less fortunate than we. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, God’s gift to the world and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God’s gift to those who believe. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Count Your Blessing” AMEZH #626

THE RESPONSIVE READING

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THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

LEADER: O God, You loved us so much that You gave Your only begotten Son, that we, who believe, should never perish but shall have everlasting life.

MEMBERS: *Thank You God for giving Your Son; Thank you Jesus for Giving Your life as a ransom for us.*

LEADER: Help us to serve You God by serving humanity. Help us to share Your love so that others may come to know that love!

MEMBERS: *Thank You for loving us enough to die for us. Thank You for loving us when we did not love You, when we did not love others and even when we did not love ourselves.*

LEADER: Help us to realize that gift we have in the Holy Spirit, who keeps us from the stumbling and gives us grace to face whatever may come.

MEMBERS: *Thank You, Holy Spirit, for the comfort and care You give to those who seek to provide comfort and care to others.*

UNISON: *Be pleased, O God, to accept our ministry of giving to others. Let us serve others as you have commissioned us to do. Let us GO into all the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Let us GO next door and help our neighbors! Let us GO through our homes and shine the light of love for our families to see! Let us GO and help someone in need!*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/GLORIA PATRI

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 20:32-35

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER/RESPONSE

THE MISSION APPEAL

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THE MISSION OFFERING

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETINGS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER/SPEAKER

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THE HYMN/SONG OF PREPARATION

THE MISSION MESSAGE

Text: _____

SUBJECT: _____

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

THE RECESSIONAL

THE MISSIONARY BLESSING: “*God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace.*”
Amen. (Adapted from Psalm 67:1)



MISSIONS OFFERING APPEAL

Do you recall a song that many churches would sing during offerings, “*You Can’t Beat God Giving, No Matter How You Try?*” A problem with this song is that too many do not even attempt or try to give! While it is true that God’s gifts can never be matched, it is also true that when we are blessed, we should be a blessing!

Acts 20:35 talks about Paul’s ministry of giving to meet his own needs and the needs of those around him. Some people are so parsimonious (stingy) that they not only deprive others of their blessings but they deny themselves. Paul challenges us to work hard in serving those who are weak and in need. The needs of this world are not just material things. There are those who are in need of emotional, mental and spiritual blessings. Giving someone a smile may do as much good for them as a check. Giving a hug to someone may do as much for them as flowers. When we give to others, we bless them, we bless ourselves and we bless God! To bless is to make happy! God is blessed when we show appreciation for God’s blessings by being a blessing to others. When we bless others, we plant seeds that will bring more blessings in its harvest.

It is more blessed to give than to receive because the giver is on the side of having something to give and not on the needy side. If we are in a position to give, then we are indeed blessed. The thing about positions is that positions may change. Today Jamaica may be in need, but tomorrow it may be America. Now Zimbabwe may be in trouble, tomorrow may find Trinidad and Tobago in that predicament!

As we prepare to give, remember “*the words of the Lord Jesus Himself: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*” What side of giving are you on? Are you blessed enough to be a blessing to our mission work around the world? Ministry is serving; ministry is giving! Join us in ZION’s ONE GREAT HOUR OF GIVING!

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