

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bicentennial Celebration 2023 Theme:**

*Remembering Our Past,  
Rekindling the Faith,  
Reaching People*

**Heart -to -Heart Conversations with Pastor McCall:** Church Office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm to schedule all appointments. Each person should call the church office to schedule a one-on-one conversation with the pastor for a Tuesday or Thursday appointment. Home visitations are also available on Wednesdays for those who cannot make it to office appointments.

**Bible Study:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays starting Sept. 27 at Pastor McCall's home. We will begin the book of Acts. Please Contact Pastor McCall for address.

**Breakthrough Prayer Meeting:** Zoom prayer meetings will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. Meeting ID: 819 2328 6708 Passcode: 015653  
Fridays at 10am in-person with Ms. Koffa Chea  
Sundays in-person will start in September at 6:30pm with Pastor McCall.

### **Other Ways To Give:**

PayPal- [donations@fumc-jax.org](mailto:donations@fumc-jax.org)  
Zelle- [office@fumc-jax.org](mailto:office@fumc-jax.org)  
CashApp- \$FUMCJAX

### **Bicentennial Legacy Celebration 2023 Event Schedule:**

September 23rd: Prayer Walk  
September 24th: The Bishop will be with us in worship.  
December 9th: Bicentennial Gala

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Many heartfelt congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and special anniversaries in the month of September!  
May God bless you richly!

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## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 17, 2023

\*=Those who are able, please stand

*Rev. Tiffany McCall, Pastor*

*Bro. Alfred Nimely, Lay Leader*

*Doug Tillett, Liturgist*

*Aaron Thorla, Pianist*

### We Gather For Worship

#### Quiet Meditation

Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

Saxophone Solo by Matthew Horhota

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that You are always present and always ready to receive us. As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn Your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of Your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 85)

L: Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

**P: We seek the One who frees us from uncertainty and doubt.**

L: Come! Join the welcome of God's people—people who meet together for justice and peace.

**P: We seek the One who is trustworthy, the One who gives us what is good.**

L: Come! Join the celebration of God's people—people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

**P: We raise our voices in praise and honor to God, and worship the One who is faithful.**

**\*Opening Hymn of Praise** Let it Rise/ How great Thou Art UMH#77

#### \* Lighting the Candles

Acolytes

#### \* Let us Affirm Our Church's Mission and Vision

*To be Loved Period, Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self!*

We believe in teaching gospel truths; We believe God is with us and we are the living body of Christ. We are the hands, feet, and heartbeat of God. We believe the Spirit of God calls us to freedom, and we are not free until all of us are free.

#### \*Glory Be to the Father

UMH #70

We Listen To The Word

#### The Reading of God's Word

New Testament

Luke:11:1-13

#### Service of Giving

##### Offering Prayer

Generous God, You have abundantly blessed each one of us; cause these gifts to be a blessing as they are put to work in Your world. AMEN.

(Tithes, Mission, and Public Offerings)

Oh Give Thanks

#### Song of Preparation

Spirit of God Decend Upon My Heart UMH#500

#### Sermon

Rev. Bruce Jones

We Respond In Faith/Reaffirmation of faith

The Lord's Prayer by Jubilee Worship

We Depart To Serve

#### \*Closing Hymn

I'm so Blessed

#### \*Extinguishing the Candles

Acolytes

#### Congregational Response

We have come to worship **because we have a heart for God**. We leave to go into the world to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, **because we have a heart for humanity**. On mission for God: **Let's do it!**

#### \*Benediction

Rev. Tiffany McCall

#### \* Postlude