



Merrell United Methodist Church

Mission Statement:

To create **S**pirit-led, **E**quipped and **E**mpowered **D**isciples
for the *world*.

Order of Worship

The Reverend Bancroft Williams, Senior Pastor

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 - 10:00AM

Thirteenth Sunday After **Pentecost/Grandparent's Day**

COMMUNION SUNDAY



VISION STATEMENT:

Merrell UMC is a Christian community sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the practice of our gifts and graces to become Christian disciples of excellence. Christian disciples are believing and those yet to believe (Christians and pre-Christians) being transformed in a life giving faith community, living the gospel out of biblical learning, with inspirational worship, growing in generosity, committed to transform **communities with our service and accepting God's presence for all people through prayer.**

Merrell United Methodist Church

September 3 , 2017

PRELUDE

Bro. Louis Trotman

INTROIT

MUMC Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Matthew Chang & Ashari Singh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sis. Martha Royes

In mutual compassion and authentic love . . .

we gather as the family of God.

We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives . . .

to build up this community of faith.

We bring our songs of gratitude and joy . . .

to bless God with our worship and praise. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH #116

OPENING PRAYER

Sis. Martha Royes

Loving God, we come in search of you and your loving wisdom. Come to us and gather us in your love. Mold us into a community of compassion that is strengthened by the unity and power of your Holy Spirit. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of peace, have mercy on us. We have created divisions among ourselves, even though you call us to live in peace. We have given in to hatred, vengeance, enmity, and evil, even though you call us to serve and to love. Servant God, give us hearts that overflow with love, compassion, and service, that we may offer forgiveness as freely as you have offered it to us; and that we may give as freely as you have given to us. In your amazing love, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sis. Martha Royes

Remember the wonderful works of God, the amazing peace of Christ, and the powerful love of the Spirit. For in this Holy Trinity of grace, we are forgiven, reunited, and reconciled with God and with one another. Amen.

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Martha Royes

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We want to extend a warm welcome to all, especially, those visiting Merrell United Methodist Church this Sunday for the first time. Please fill out a Visitors Card or write your name and contact information in the Red Folder by the Pews. Also accept our Gift of Thanks, as a token of appreciation for choosing to worship with us.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sis. Martha Royes

Live at peace with all people to the best of your ability. With this hope and this prayer, let us share words of love and signs of reconciliation as we pass the peace of Christ.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Overhead

INVITATION OFFERING

Sis. Martha Royes

Contribute to the needs of God's people. Welcome strangers into this church home. These calls of hospitality are answered when we give of our time, talent, and treasure. Let us offer our gifts to God this day.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

MUMCC

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sis. Martha Royes

Creator God, in remembrance of your wonderful works and your overflowing abundance, we bring gifts that we have received from your hand. Generous One, in gratitude for your miraculous deeds, we bring these offerings of praise. Loving Spirit, in joyous trust, we place these blessings in your keeping to bless a world in need of your love. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:1-15

Sis. Martha Royes

RESPONSIVE READING (sung response)

Psalm 105

UMH #828

ANTHEM

MUMMC

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Bancroft Williams

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God Who Saves Community”

Rev. Bancroft Williams

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

FWS #2129

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Bancroft Williams

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord took bread, gave thanks to you, broke **the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant poured out for you and from many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise **and thanksgiving as a holy living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.**

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour our your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts*

*As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But Deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom
and the power
and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, given for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”
“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

UMH #504
UMH #301
UMH #616

CLOSING HYMN

“Take Up Thy Cross”

UMH #415

BENEDICTION

Love, as Jesus has loved you.
We go to serve, as Jesus served.
Go with the peace that passes all understanding.
We go to heal the world, as Jesus healed. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Bro. Louis Trotman



Home Bound and Shut-ins:

Astley Bowie; Randall Kelly; Helen Searing; Gladys Thomas; Leahnora Walker; Martha Ricketts; Robert & Nova Trout; Ronald Davenport; Almenia Ingram; John Thomass; Susan Harris; Elaine Khaeel;

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehabilitation Center:

Julia Franks; Joy Hyatt (Courtyard at Inverrary Assisted Living); Gabriel Henry (Ann Storck Center, Inc. School, Fort Lauderdale); Clara Barton (Life Care Center at Inverrary); Edward Snape (Health South Sunrise). Rehabilitation); Erma Brown;

Special Prayer Request:

Sylvia Walker; Coral Baston; Elroy Rhule; Maizie Richards; Dorothy Bennett; Muriel Meatley; Inez Williams; Jane Williams; Lucy Rodriguez; Elaine Keizes; Joyce Anglin; Clare Dixon; Tom Collins; Trevor Martin; Patsy Hudson; Delores Barnett; Evelyn Jones; Vireena Daley; Leonie Christie; Genevieve Christie; Beverly Maylor.



Heartfelt Condolences

Merrell church family express heartfelt condolences to Sis. Casmine Pelle and family on the passing of her beloved mother Mildred Johnson in Jamaica on August 30 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as the family travel to Jamaica for the funeral.



Sis. Genevieve Christie wishes to express a heart warming thanks to Pastor Bancroft and her considerate church family. Every, thought, card, prayer, visit and phone call brings love that helps with healing.

Our Faithfulness Last Week

Attendance Last Week	8:00 AM	26
	10:00 AM	221
Tithes & Offering		\$4108.00

Anniversary & Birthday Celebration

ALTAR FLOWERS



*Flowers on the altar are placed in celebration of
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver & Joyce Anglin's
25th wedding anniversary September 5
for the glory of God.*



*Flowers on the altar are placed in celebration of
Sis. Laura Williams'
71st birthday September 6th for the glory of God
"Thank God for His blessings on my life. To Him
be all honor, praise and glory!"*



In Loving Memory

"OSIE AFIBA JAMES"

SUNRISE 10/1/1977 — SUNSET 8/20/2017

Formerly residing in Lauderdale Lakes Florida,
Bro Ossie passed away at the
Mount St. John's Medical Center in Antigua.
Peaceful rest.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH FLORIDA ABAS
will be holding a Church Service for our
Brother OASIE JAMES

Sunday, September 10th at 10:00AM.

Merrell United Methodist church,
3900 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale lakes 33319.



This Church is where OSIE and his family worshiped. Family & friends are asked to be in your uniform or Antiguan Flag Colors to represent. Reception will follow after the service. We miss him immensely. May his soul rest In Peace.

Service Times

8:00 am & 10:00 am Sunday

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MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

Merrell welcomes interested persons to become members.

We invite you to contact the Pastor by calling the Church Office

BAPTISMS

Performed at the Sunday Service, contact the Church Office.

MARRIAGES

Performed after consultation with the Pastor.

In time of illness or sorrow, please call the Pastor
or the Church Office promptly.

Oliver Anglin (Head Usher)

Ushers faithfully serving: Winston Chang (Crew Leader)

***Barrington Berry, Rondon Forbes, Vivian McGeachy, Vivia McKnight,
Barbara Plowright, Monica Powell, Yvette Smith, Owen Tabois, Owen Webb***