

*Worship & Dedication Service*  
*for*  
*Steele Hill A. M. E. Zion Church*  
*Lancaster, South Carolina*

*June 19, 2016*

*2:00 p.m.*



*So we rebuilt (renovated) the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. Nehemiah 4:6*



*The Reverend Laura Owens, Associate Minister*

*The Reverend April Wolfe, Associate Minister*

*The Reverend Sandra C. Sistare, Pastor*

*The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Christian Sr., Presiding Elder*  
*Lancaster District*

*Mrs. Sheila W. Monroe*  
*Missionary Supervisor of the South Atlantic Episcopal District*

*The Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe*  
*Presiding Prelate of the South Atlantic Episcopal District*

# *The Order of Worship*

*The Reverend Sandra C. Sistare – Worship Leader*

*The Prelude..... Musicians*

*The Call to Worship..... The Reverend Sandra C. Sistare*

**Leader:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

**People:** Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is, Mount Zion.

**Leader:** Let Mount Zion rejoice

**People:** let the daughters and sons of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments

**All:** that ye may tell it to the generation following.

*The Invocation..... The Reverend Dennis McCleave*

Gracious God our Father, send your Holy Spirit to bless our gathering. Cause us to know anew, that all we celebrate was by Your Grace in our midst. We realize that our labor has not been for human praise but to Your Glory. In the Name of the Architect of our faith, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise..... # 226..... "Blessed Quietness"*

*The Responsive Reading..... Psalms 122..... The Reverend Paulette Leak*

**Minister:** *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

**People:** *Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.*

**Minister:** *Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:*

**People:** *Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.*

**Minister:** *For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.*

**People:** *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*

**Minister:** *Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.*

**People:** *For my relatives and friends sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.*

**Unison:** *Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.*

*The Gloria Patri..... Congregation*

*Affirmation of Faith..... The Apostles' Creed*

*The Old Testament.....II Chronicles 6:1-2; 7:1-4..... The Reverend Laura Owens*

*The New Testament.....Hebrew 10:19-25.....The Reverend April Wolfe*

*The Prayer..... The Reverend Dr. Victor C. Wilson*

*The Prayer Response*..... *"Hear Our Prayer"*  
*The Selection*..... *Steele Hill Combined Choir*  
*Offering*..... *Stewards*  
*Offertory*..... *"All Things Come of Thee"*  
*Presentation of the Presiding Elder*..... *The Reverend Sandra C. Sistare*  
*Presentation of the Bishop*..... *Rev. Dr. Robert E. Christian Sr. Presiding Elder*  
*Selection*..... *Steele Hill Combined Choir*

**The Sermon**

*The Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe*  
*Presiding Prelate of the South Atlantic Episcopal District*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*

*The Invitation to Christian Discipleship*..... *The Reverend Princess Mickse*  
*The Invitational Hymn*..... # 415 ..... *"Just As I Am"*

**The Act of Dedication**

*The Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe*

*Remarks*.....  
*Mr. Walter Davis, Chairperson of Board of Trustees*  
*Mrs. Teresa Davis, Preacher's Steward*  
*Mr. David Cox, General Contractor*  
*Mr. Odell Witherspoon, Church Accountant*  
*The Reverend Sandra C. Sistare, Pastor*  
*The Presiding Elder Dr. Robert E. Christian, Sr.*

*Remarks and Benediction*..... *The Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe*



**Our Father and Our God,**  
 Beautiful words of praise rise from hearts  
 Overflowing with gratitude, from voices in  
 triumphant chorus, and tears of joy as we meditate  
 on our heritage of a God-guided past.  
 You have loved, forgiven, comforted, and strengthened  
 us on our walk with you.  
 We praise and honor you for your faithfulness to  
 us. We love you and move forward with a great  
 faith that you are leading and directing your  
 ministry in this place. Amen!

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*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation  
by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*..... Samuel J. Stone*



## DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY

To those who would see through the glass of assurance or would see in symbols realization of joy which God holds in reservation for His people who serve in faith, and which only enter the heart of man to conceive by the Spirit of Him, who reveals all things through His crucified and risen Son and through the Holy Spirit or witness, we come to dedicate this Sanctuary .

**Bishop:** Let us pray. O most glorious God, whom the heavens of heaven cannot contain; graciously accept the dedication of this Sanctuary to Your service; and grant in Spirit and Truth it may inspire our lives to show forth your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Bishop:** With hearts overflowing with praise, and seeking ways in which we may more fully see the meaning of Almighty God, in the world and in our life; we now dedicate to Him this Sanctuary .

**Bishop:** To the glory of God the Father Almighty, that we may the more worthily worship him and more clearly discern His presence and providence,

People: We dedicate this Sanctuary

**Bishop:** To the glory of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, that our joy in Him may find fuller reality and expression in what we see, touch and hear.

People: We dedicate this Sanctuary

**Bishop:** To the Holy Spirit, whose promoting call us to worship, that we may fully interpret his influence in our minds and hearts.

People: We dedicate this Sanctuary

**Bishop:** To the Church Universal, the Bride of Jesus Christ, and its mission in the world, to comfort the sorrowing, to strengthen the weak, to cheer the weary, to cure the souls which are sin sick, all through the act of worship in his sanctuary by praise and prayer.

People: We dedicate this Sanctuary

**Bishop:** We dedicate this Sanctuary by the Ministers of the Word who by spiritual leadership, justice and service call all men to deeds of love and daring faith, and who interpret the Word of God in living truth and a quenchless prophetic gospel, and

never dying fidelity to the principles of the Gospel through the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church our means of the revelation of the divine purpose, and of service for all and for each other.

#### **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Almighty God, Our Father, we are grateful for the privilege of dedicating this Sanctuary to You. Graciously accept this Sanctuary as means through which we may be led to better attune our hearts to your praise. Be pleased to accept it as we set it apart for the service of Your Church. Please bless Your ministry here and continue to call us to the worship of the lord in the beauty of holiness. This we ask in the name of Christ, our Lord, to whom the praises of all mankind are due. Amen**