

# BETHEL

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**Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

***Third Sunday of Easter***



**The Reverend Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor***

The Reverend Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District*

### **Ministerial Staff**

Doctor Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder,*

***Family, Community & Leadership Development Leader***

The Reverend Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder,*

***Congregational Care & Discipleship Leader***

The Reverend Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon,*

***Worship & Evangelism Leader***

**Order of Worship**

**Worship Leader.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby**

**The Doxology.....**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, “let us go into the house of the Lord.” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

**People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Together: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!**

**The Opening Song.....Sis. April Bush**

**“How Great is Our God”**

Verse 1:

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice.

**Chorus:**

**How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see. How great,  
How great is our God.**

Verse 2:

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands, Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.  
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son, The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

**(Chorus)**

Vamp:

He’s the Name above all names, And He’s worthy of All our praise, And Our hearts  
Will sing, How great is our God.

**THE INVOCATION.....Rev. Irmatine Chastang**

**Ministry of Music.....Bad Boys of Bethel**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Dr. Olivia Martin**  
**Luke (Gospel) 24:13–35 (KJV)**

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**Acknowledgement of Visitors and Announcements**

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**Bringing of the Tithes and Offering.....Sis. Marva Rodrigues**

**THE MINISTRY OF GIVING**

This is my seed. It shall meet all my needs.

I give it today, because I obey – my God and His command.

My tithe is out of obedience and love. My offering is my sacrifice.

My return shall be magnified, because I’ve learned to give right.

I’m the head and not the tail, a lender and not a borrower, on top and not beneath.

Because I give, I am blessed – in the city and in the field.

I’m blessed because I give my God my best.

Today and every day, I am blessed.

**Presentation of the Preacher.....Rev. Brandon Thornton**

**Ministry of Music.....Bad Boys of Bethel**

**Sermon.....Rev. Charles A. Lewis,**  
**Presiding Elder, Mobile District**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

**SERMON APPLICATION**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON**

*Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's Word.*

**PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON**

SERMON SCRIPTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SERMON TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:**

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**WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?**