

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

*Worship Coordinator*

*Sound Engineer*

**Sunday • 10:00 am**

*Jennifer Baker*

Welcome

A Moment to Feel God's Presence

Opening Prayer

Praise & Worship

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

Community/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Annie Ross

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: \*

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be  
We give to You, we give to You.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You.  
We are an offering, we are an offering.**

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-15

Message

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

"Pressing Toward the Goal"

Holy Communion

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

*At Imani MCC, and at MCCs throughout the world, we serve an  
open communion. Everyone is welcome at the Table of God.*

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices ...

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Consecration (Blessing of the Elements)

Invitation to the Table

Distribution of the Elements

*We use a small wafer & grape juice.*

*Please respect those around you and engage in silent meditation.*

*-- Thank You --*

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please let your server know at the time of communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Annie Ross

Closing Blessing \*

"We now go forth in faith with this intention:

- To **Worship** wherever we are
- By being **God's Word** made flesh,
- Living the **Oneness** that we are,
- Celebrating **Wonder** everywhere,
- And bearing **Witness** through love.

And so it is. And so it shall be. Amen. "

Parting Song \*

"I Need You to Survive"

**Program Subject to Change**

\* Please rise as you are able.

**"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Chorus:** Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**"It's Working"**

This is my season for grace for favor  
This is my season to reap what I have sown.

This is my season for grace for favor... yeah  
This is my season to reap what I have sown.

I haven't been perfect, but I sure been faithful  
God's got a purpose yes and I know He's able.

I've got a seed in the ground, that He's blessing no more  
stressing  
I've got a seed in the ground, now I know Him I can show  
Him.

This is my season for grace for favor  
This is my season to reap what I have sown.

“I Need You to Survive” ..... (Closing Song)

I need you, You need me,  
We're all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me, Agree with me,  
We're all a part of God's body.  
It is his will that every need be supplied.  
You are important to me.  
I need you to survive.

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### Sermon Notes

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#### WEEKLY EVENTS

- Wednesday: 7:00pm-8:15pm - Bible Study
- Thursday: 1:00pm-5:00 pm - Open Office Hours
- Saturday: 12:00pm-2:00pm - Voices of Imani rehearsal

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*Focusing Our Faith.*



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Let's remember to "keep first things first" this week!

*"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or  
'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'  
But seek first [God's] kingdom and [God's] righteousness, and all  
these things will be added to you."  
Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)*

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*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)*

**worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.**

**Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God's irresistible love through**

**"Imani (Faith) ... is the substance  
of things hoped for, the evidence  
of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1**



## Imani MCC

*First Sunday after Christmas  
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**WE WELCOME YOU TO IMANI MCC.  
YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT  
YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.**