

Sunday, December 20, 2015

*Worship Coordinator
Sound Engineer*

Sunday • 10:00 am

*Deacon Marcus
Toka*

Welcome

Natalie

A Moment to Feel God’s Presence

Opening Prayer

Priscilla

Praise & Worship

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

Patrice

Community/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marilyn O. Bowens

Announcements

Natalie

Passing of the Peace

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Jaye

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

Toka

Song of Preparation

Message

Rev. Marilyn O. Bowens

Holy Communion

Rev. Marilyn O. 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

India, acolyte

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 *

“Bind Us Together”

Program Subject to Change

* Please rise as you are able.

“I Love You, Lord, Today”(Praise & Worship)

I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today;
Because You cared for me In such a special way.

Chorus: That’s why I praise You, I lift You up,
And I magnify Your name;
That’s why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, My soul belongs to You.
You paid the price for me Way back on Calvary.

“I Smile”

Today’s a new day, but there is no sunshine.
Nothing but clouds, and it’s dark in my heart
And it feels like a cold night.
Today’s a new day, where are my blue skies,
Where is the love and the joy that you promised me?
You tell me it’s alright.

I almost gave up, but a power that I can’t explain,
Fell from heaven like a shower now.

I smile, even though I hurt see I smile,
I know God is working so I smile,
Even though I’ve been here for a while (what you do?)
I smile, smile.
It’s so hard to look up when you’ve been down.
Sure would hate to see you give up now
You look so much better when you smile, so smile.

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Song of Preparation

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Give to our God All glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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“Amen” (call and response)(Closing Song)

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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

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)*

	Attendance	Worship Offering	PayPal Giving	Total Offering
Dec 13 2015	17	\$783.00	\$30.00	\$813.00

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

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*Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2015
10:00 am
Imani MCC Ministry Center*

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YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT
YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.**