Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship

*Congregational Song: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Centering

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel Choir

Lift Every Voice

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
Proclaiming

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Daran Mitchell

Responding

Listening With Art

Anne Tambling (MDiv ’21)

Sending

*Congregational Song: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” Printed in Bulletin

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daran Mitchell
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again; By God’s counsels guide, uphold you, With God’s sheep securely folded you:

2. God be with you till we meet again; ’Neath God’s wings protecting hide you, Dai ly man na still providing you:

3. God be with you till we meet again; When life’s proper ills thick confound you, Put God’s arms un fail ing round you:

4. God be with you till we meet again; Keep love’s banner float ing o’er you, Smite death’s threat’ning wave be fore you:

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet, till we meet,

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meet at Jesus’ feet, Till we meet, till we
meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU, 9 8 8 9 with refrain; William G. Tomer, 1832–1896
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
Dr. Daran H. Mitchell is the pastor of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and has been in ministry for close to 30 years. He is President of the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro and Vicinity and Director of Supervised Ministry and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina. Dr. Mitchell is married to the Reverend L. Lynn Mitchell and they are the parents of 1 son, Caylen.

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Johanna Kelley (MDiv ‘20) and Amanda Kerr (MDiv ‘18).

The altar design was created by Sophia Russell (MDiv ‘18).

The image on the front of the bulletin is the logo for the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. The cross symbolizes the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the power of Salvation through Him, and the immeasurable grace of God that covers the sins of the world and empowers His people to be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ who strengthens us. The Anvil, on the other hand, has a symbolic and a historical meaning which must be noted by all who call themselves African Methodist. AME beginnings emerged from the depths of racism and bigotry, and when the founding fathers chose to stay with Methodism they purchased a blacksmith’s shop and converted it into their house of worship. They called it Bethel, meaning “House of God.” In the blacksmith’s shop an anvil was used to pound and shape metal ores into a usable and functioning object. As any blacksmith will tell you, hammers may wear down, and many an individual may lose his life to the exhaustion from the hard work of being a blacksmith, but the Anvil never fails. An individual only needs to purchase one in his or her entire lifetime, and it continues to last through many lifetimes. So it is with God; He cannot be beaten down and He is Eternal. The Anvil represents our beginning and the lasting Strength of our Lord and Savior that never ceases. The Cross and the Anvil: Our Salvation and our Strength. Our beginnings in a blacksmith shop and our eternal ending in God’s heavenly realm. The bulletin cover image was retrieved from www.denverlibrary.org/blog/frank/ame-african-methodist-episcopal-church.

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