



**Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Rev. Dr. Timothy O. Coston, Jr., Pastor**  
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**Missionary Sunday**

**The Order of Worship**  
**January 29, 2023**

**Pastors' Welcome**

Pastor Timothy O. Coston Jr. D. Min

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above the heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen, Amen*

**The Call to Celebration**

Wanda Marshall

**Leader:** I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

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

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

**People:** Those planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Leader:** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

**People:** For 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 thy sight. O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

**Hymn of Praise**

"I've Wandered Far Away from God"

Hymn #260

I've wandered far away from God,  
Now I'm coming home; The paths of  
sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm  
coming home. (Refrain)

My soul is sick, my heart is sore,  
Now I'm coming home; My strength  
renew, my hope restore: (Refrain)

I've wasted many precious years,  
Now I'm coming home;  
I now repent with bitter tears,  
Lord, I'm coming home (Refrain)

**Refrain**

**Coming home, coming home,  
Nevermore to roam; Open wide Thine  
arms of love; Lord, I'm coming home.  
Lord, I'm coming home.**

I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord,  
Now I'm coming home;  
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word;  
Lord, I'm coming home. (Refrain)

**The Prayer**

Patricia Harris

**The Scripture**

“ *Luke 15: 11-20* )NIV

Nina Cavalier

Responsive Reading

## **The Parable of the Lost Son**

**Leader:** <sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons.

**People:** <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

**Leader:** <sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

**People:** <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

**Leader:** <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

**People:** <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**Leader:** <sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

**People:** <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Leader:** <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’

**All:** <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

### ***Hosanna in the Highest***

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise.  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.*

**Minister:** And God Spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, of the House of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Nearer my God to thee! Nearer to thee, E’en though it be a cross That raiseth me: Still all my  
song shall be, Nearer, my God to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.*

## Summary of the Decalogue

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou, shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen*

### Praise Selection

Donald K. Scott Men's Chorus

### Welcoming of Visitors

Francine Gray

### Announcements

Francine Gray

### Pastor's Remarks

### Praise Selection

Donald K. Scott Men's Choir

### The Sermon

*"I'm Coming Home"*

Pastor Timothy O. Coston, Jr.

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### Giving Tithes & Offerings

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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 on 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### Doxology

### The Benediction

#### Announcements

1. Contribution letters for 2022 will be made available upon **request in writing before January 31, 2023**. We can mail or email, or you can make arrangements to pick up your contribution letters by contacting the office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 10 am until 3 pm. Thank you for your consideration. Brenda Jones and Lessie Thompson.
2. Dorothy Gunn's funeral is on Friday, February 3, 2023 (Friday) at 11:00 am. Friendly Church of God in Christ, 1836 Dixie St . Oceanside, CA 92054. Graveside Service immediately following at Eternal Hills Mortuary 1999 El Camino Real Oceanside, CA 92054. She was the sister of Brother Otis Foster and Sisters Johnnie Simmons and Lavolta Gaston.

3. Hold in Sacred Prayer the family of Ruby Lee Grigsby. She will be funeralized on Thursday, February 2, 2023, @ 11:00 a.m. here at Grant.
4. The 2020 Disciplines are here. Please see Brenda Jones or Lessie Thompson if you paid in advance. If you wish to purchase one, they are \$30.00. If you reserved one, please pay through the giving envelope. We do have a total of 50.
5. Due to the Quarterly Conference, the monthly Official Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on zoom.
6. The First Quarterly Conference will be in-person here at Grant Church on February 7, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m.
7. Reminder, please remember that your organizational reports are due in the office on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. I have only received reports from a few organizations. If your group is inactive, please note it on the report form I sent a couple of weeks ago via email. Please contact Cheryl in the office if you do not have a report form.
8. Special Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m.
9. Congregational Gathering on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.
10. The office is updating the sick and shut-in lists. Please get in touch with Cheryl in the office to add members to the list.
11. Get free tax help through VITA - We provide FREE tax help to the community, available to people who earn about \$55,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English, or can provide their own interpreter. FREE tax help from IRS-certified volunteers allows you to file securely and convent. Share information about these services with family, friends, and co-workers, who may qualify and enjoy one-stop service right where you are. The service will be offered from February 11, 2023, to April 15, 2023 (the return due date is April 18, 2023). **Please contact Pam Williams at 213 531-6532** for an appointment at Grant AME Church, 10435 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002.

12.. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house...

“. Greetings Grant A.M.E. Church,

Thank you to those who have helped us raise \$8,515 towards our midyear assessment goal of \$40,245.45. Half of this amount, \$20,122.72, is due on February 1st. The second half is due February 15th. Please respond to the requests of your auxiliaries to help towards this effort. For those not part of an auxiliary, we appeal to you for sacrificial giving as we work to meet this financial responsibility in a timely manner. Members are asked to give \$200 annually, \$100 for each half. **Thank you so much for your Stewardship! Pastor Coston**

**PRAYER LINE** – Every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Call in to pray or call in to listen! Receive a midday blessing!! Dial-in number: (712) 832-8330. Access Code 1032507

**BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Zoom (Church Zoom)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** -Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. (Church Zoom)

### Recovery Ministry

Sis. Dorothy Barrow  
3760 Crestway Pl  
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Sis. Lula Bishop  
1549 W. 82nd St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Sis. Juanita Brooks  
15526 Roper Ave.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
310-762-2834

Bro. Richard Cochran  
3331 W. 118<sup>th</sup> St.  
Inglewood, CA 90303

Sis. Martha Davies  
16710 Orange Ave. G38  
Paramount, CA 90723

Sis. Ruby Duckins  
1508 W. Palmer Ave.  
Compton, CA 90220

Bro. James Harris  
1226 244<sup>th</sup> St.  
Harbor City, CA 90710

Sis. Gwendolyn Jackson  
Bel Tooren Villa  
16910 Woodruff Ave.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
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Sis. Lois Leake  
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Lynwood, CA 90262

Rev. Hester Lively  
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Carson, CA 90746

Sis. Gloria Brooks Mathieu  
912 E. 119<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Sis. Ruth Roundtree  
Lynwood Care Center  
3611 E. Imperial Hwy.  
Lynwood, CA 90262  
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Sis. Rae Neil Simmons  
759 E. 91<sup>st</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90002

Sis. Joyce Shores  
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Harbor City, CA 90710

Bro. Woodrow Reed  
642 W. 124<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Bro. Fred Williams  
1011 S. Harlan Ave.  
Compton, CA 90220

Sis. Darlene Young  
1205 E. 107 St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90059

**Organizations, please update your meeting time and location and include it in the  
Quarterly Conference's Organization Report.**

**Ministries and Organizations Meeting Schedule**

God has uniquely fit the Church together to work in unity by allowing the gifts and talents to assemble within. If you would like to offer your gifts and talents, Grant Church has many ministries and organizations where you may serve to help carry out the mission of the church. Opportunities for fellowship, satisfaction, and service are listed below; All are welcome!!

Adult Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Bible Study	Wednesdays	11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Children's Church	Sundays (Except 1st Sundays)	9:30 a.m.
Church School	Sundays	8:00 a.m.
Congregational Gathering	5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Class Leaders	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturdays	12:30 a.m.
Courtesy Club	1st Saturdays	1:00 p.m.
Food Ministry	Thursdays	9 am-11 a.m.
Grant Helpers	TBA	5:30 p.m.
Junior Choir	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.
Ladies Usher Board	TBA	10:00 a.m.
Lay Organization	1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays	2:00 p.m.
Official Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday (zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Ministry	Thursdays	2:00 p.m.
Imani Men's Min.	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays	6:30 p.m.
Kirkland Academy-	(Tutoring) Tuesdays	5:00 p.m.
Stewardess Board	1st Saturdays	10:00 a.m.
Usher Board 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Steward Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays (zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Stewardship & Finance	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Trustee Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays (zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Usher Board 2		10:00 a.m.
Voices for Christ	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	12:00 p.m.
Women's Missionary Society	1st Saturday	1:00 p.m.
Youth Usher Board	2nd Saturdays	9:00 a.m.
Young Peoples Division (YPD)	2nd Saturdays	12:00 p.m.