



Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor



"The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God's presence in Jesus' solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of despair."

— James H. Cone, The Cross and the Lynching Tree



The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk.

James Hal Cone (August 5, 1938 – April 28, 2018) was an American theologian, best known for his advocacy of black theology and black liberation theology.





# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022 | 9:00 AM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson Text: Genesis 25:19–34; Time of Action: probably 2005 B.C.; Place of Action: Canaan Golden Text: "And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger" (Genesis 25:23).

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Victory is Mine by Dorothy Norwood with Spirit of the Living God as a Chant and Libations

### SERVICE OF LIGHTS

The Altar Candles burn throughout September as a focus on our HABITS, ROUTINES, & RITUALS. *Let Praises Rise* by Myron Butler is inspired by our children's children call from the future for us to declare and move in excellence NOW!

Sweet Magnolia will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Claim - I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me! Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Encourage Yourself by Tri-City Singers inspired by Luke 15:1-10

THE PREACHED WORD Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

#### BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

**Lectionary:** Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28, Psalm 14, Exodus 32:7–14, Psalm 51:1–10 1 Timothy 1:12–17, Luke 15:1–10

ADINKRAHENE, King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority