

As for intellect, all I can say is, if woman have a pint and a man a quart -- why can't she have her little pint full? You need not be afraid to give us our rights for fear we will take too much -- for we won't take more than our pint will hold. The poor men seem to be all in confusion and don't know what to do. Why children, if you have woman's rights give it to her and you will feel better. You will have your own rights, and there won't be so much trouble

## SERMON NOTES

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Songs we sang:



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Scripture Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Text: \_\_\_\_\_

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

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MARCH 15, 2020

# There's Not a Friend

(No Not One)

There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus:  
No, not one! no, not one!  
None else could heal all our souls' diseases:  
No, not one! no, not one!

No friend like Him is so high and holy,  
No, not one! no, not one!  
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,  
No, not one! no, not one!

There's not an hour that He is not near us,  
No, not one! no, not one!  
No night so dark, but His love can cheer us,  
No, not one! no, not one!

Did ever saint find this Friend forsake him?  
No, not one! no, not one!  
Or sinner find that He would not take him?  
No, not one! no, not one!

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?  
No, not one! no, not one!  
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?\*

No, not one! no, not one!

## Refrain:

Jesus knows all about our struggles;  
He will guide 'til the day is done:  
There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus:  
No, not one! no, not one!

*Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr.*

*Tune by George C. Hugg*



## Women's History Month Third Sunday in Lent

### MORNING WORSHIP - ORDER OF SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	SIS. SANDRA GRANVILLE
PROCESSIONAL.....	MINISTERS/CHOIR
PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION.....	SIS. TANYA CLARK
DOXOLOGY.....	Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen
THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....	SIS. GERALDINE BROWN

\*Adapted from resources at "The African American Lectionary" ([www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org](http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org))

**Leader:** Most merciful and all-wise God, it is by your hand that you made woman. We laud and glorify your holy name for the wisdom, strength, faith, and courage you birthed into the heart of every woman.

**People:** *Teach us, O Lord, to pattern our lives, our witness, and our service after the women of scripture whom you ordained to serve and labor in your kingdom.*

**Leader:** With Miriam, who with Moses and Aaron led the people of Israel out of Egypt; With Deborah, who judged the people of Israel in truth and righteousness; With Ruth, who was an example of faithfulness; With Mary Magdalen, who first brought the good news of the resurrection; With Phoebe, deacon and leader of the early Church; With Priscilla, who labored

with Aquila in the service of Christ; With Dorcas, who tirelessly served, doing good and helping the poor; With Mary the mother of Jesus, who said “yes” with no holding back;

*People: With these, our sisters, we pray for women everywhere who seek to do the will of God.*

Leader: We pray for women who against all odds create an environment of love and peace for their family to live in; we pray for women who, when tempted to give up, find new strength in you and continue to follow the path you have ordered.

*People: God our God, you have made women in your own image and likeness. Teach us to trust your design and seek the divine destiny that you have for every woman in every corner of your universe. Amen!*

THE MORNING HYMN #381.....”THERE’S NOT A FRIEND”

THE PRAYER.....EVANGELIST GAYLE LANG

THE PRAYER RESPONSE #619.....”SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.*

SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

THE SCRIPTURE.....SIS. STACEY GRANVILLE

*(Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95, Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-29; 30-42)*

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” <sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” <sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans

worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

THE PREFACE.....”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.”

**WOMEN’S HISTORY CELEBRATION LITANY**

**SIS. MARILYN COLLINS**

LEADER

Today we celebrate the strength, power, passion, beauty, courage, and faith of women across this world, throughout History, and in our own lives. Made in the image and likeness of God, He chose the woman to lead, support, nourish, and deliver His glory to the earth.

PEOPLE

**We praise God for the creation of the woman.**

LEADER

We celebrate women for following the Savior’s example of service. These vessels of life and encouragement, these wives and mothers, these believers and ministers, these sisters and friends, who are often overlooked, choosing to relinquish their will for the uplifting of others.

PEOPLE:

**We honor God for endowing the spirit of service into the heart of the woman.**

LEADER:

We give reverence to every woman, who like the beautiful, thoughtful, mindful, and powerful women of scripture, continue to defy odds, banish stereotypes, and serve in the face of oppression and tradition.

PEOPLE:

**We thank God for the unselfish spirit that lives in the heart of the woman.**

LEADER:

We honor the women of our past who were beaten, raped, and abused because of skin color and gender. We honor their resilience and intuition to escape and assist others with escaping. We honor those who blazed trails and rose above the conditions of their time. We honor those mighty women who tarried in prayer and sang the songs of Zion while their backs were lashed and their wombs mistreated.

**PEOPLE:** We worship God for the memory our ancestors, mothers, and grandmothers.

**LEADER:** We celebrate the women of today. We celebrate the sharing of their gifts, talents, and skills. We celebrate their ability to manage the home and the office. We celebrate their ability to serve as a public official and a Sunday School teacher. We celebrate those who are required to be both the matriarch and the patriarch, and those who are strong enough to fight for civil equality and bold enough to pursue their personal, and God-given, dreams!  
For all who continue in the struggle for liberation of humankind despite hardship, misunderstanding, and ridicule...

**ALL:** We praise God for the virtuous women who persevered through our yesterdays, influence our todays, and shape our tomorrows. God created woman and has found favor in her, and has made her a testimony of God’s never-ending love, grace, and mercy for His children. AMEN!

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THE 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.”

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
*All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT..... **SIS. VERONICA MATTINGLY**

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....**SIS. RENEE GRISBY**

SERMONIC SELECTION .....**MASS CHOIR**

THE WOMEN’S HISTORY MESSAGE.....**SIS. ROCHELLE OWSLEY**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....**MINISTER/CHOIR**

ALTAR CALL.....**SIS. MAMIE BROWN**

WELCOME.....**PASTOR HALE**

WOMEN’S HISTORY HONOREE PRESENTATION.....**SIS. RITA KIRTLEY/DARLENE JACKSON**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....THE APOSTLE’S 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. believe in the Holy Ghost, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

## Sojourner Truth (1797-1883): Ain't I A Woman?

*Delivered 1851  
Women's Rights Convention, Old Stone Church (since demolished), Akron, Ohio*

*“Well, children, where there is so much racket there must be something out of kilter. I think that 'twixt the negroes of the South and the women at the North, all talking about rights, the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all this here talking about?”*

*“That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?”*

*“Then they talk about this thing in the head; what's this they call it?”*

*[A member of the audience whispers, "intellect"]*

*“That's it, honey. What's that got to do with women's rights or negroes' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint, and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half measure full?”*

*“Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him.*

*“If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them.*

*“Obliged to you for hearing me, and now old Sojourner ain't got nothing more to say.”*

## - - ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS - -

### TEACHING MOMENTS

#### *Next Week's Scripture Lessons:*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent: I Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41**

**Church School for ALL Ages – 8:00 am *Every Sunday***

**Prayer Meeting – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.**

### MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m., Mary Creth Missionary Society
- Saturday, March 14, 12:00 Noon, Lay Organization
- Saturday, March 21, 12:00 Noon, YPD Monthly meeting/Choir rehearsal.

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- TODAY, Women's History Month Celebration. Our own Sis. Rochelle Owsley is the speaker. Our Women's History Month honorees who have exemplified their faithfulness and dedication to the Call of Christ are: Sis. Mamie Brown, Sister Christine Collins, Sister Myrtle Granville, Sis. Pearl C. Higgins, and Sister Jessie C. Scearce.
- Steward Board Meeting, Monday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
- Ministerial Staff meeting, Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY **Thursday at 6:30 PM**
- YPD – Saturday, March 21 @ 12:00 noon
- **Sunday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.**, The Pastor, Mass Choir, and congregation are invited to worship at St. Matthew AME Church, Midway, KY. This is in place of our regular Sunday worship. Let us pack the house at St. Matthew
- March 27-29, Connectional YPD-LTI in Louisville, KY.
- Sunday, March 29, 172<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary. To accommodate our afternoon guest, The Brotherhood from Hodgenville, KY, morning worship will be held at **11:00 a.m.** Dinner, cooked and provided by the Men of St. Paul, will be served with the afternoon service beginning at 3:00 p.m. The women of the church are asked to provide dessert and will be contacted by Sis. Linda Higgins. Taxation for Church Anniversary is \$172.00 and is payable throughout the year.

### REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

#### Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post* comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City", phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit [spvame.com](http://spvame.com) and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ellis Collins	March 3
Phyllis Dockies	March 9
Candice Kirtley	March 16
LaMichelle Haddix	March 17
Yvonne Wilson	March 17
Channing Carter	March 22
Myrtle Granville	March 23
Trumell Ikard	March 25
Domonique Kirtley	March 29

### OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

Armenta Chase	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Christine Collins	Norman Morton
Lorie Dale	Betty Moseley
Phyllis Dockies	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Thomas Parrish, Jr.
Damon Greene	Mona Amburgey Romaine
Jacqueline Greenlee	Rev. James E. Smith
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Renee Scott Smith
Pearl C. Higgins	Russell Thornton
Kenneth Howard	Frances Walker
Mildred Jones	Anna Williams

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, visit, send a card and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.

# Sojourner Truth

Sojourner Truth, born in about 1797, was a woman of remarkable intelligence despite her illiteracy. Truth had great presence. She was tall, some 5 feet 11 inches. Her voice was low, so low that listeners sometimes termed it masculine, and her singing voice was beautifully powerful. Whenever she spoke in public, she also sang. No one ever forgot the power of Sojourner Truth's singing, just as her wit and originality of phrasing were also memorable. Sojourner Truth: ex-slave and fiery abolitionist, figure of imposing physique, riveting preacher and spellbinding singer who dazzled listeners with her wit and originality. Straight-talking and unsentimental, Truth became a national symbol for strong black women--indeed, for all strong women. Like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, she is regarded as a radical of immense and enduring influence; yet, unlike them, what is remembered of her consists more of myth than of personality. She was a complex woman who was born into slavery and died a legend. Inspired by religion, Truth transformed herself from a domestic servant named Isabella into an itinerant Pentecostal preacher; her words of empowerment have inspired black women and poor people the world over to this day. As an abolitionist and a feminist, Truth defied the notion that slaves were male and women were white, expounding a fact that still bears repeating: among blacks there are women; among women, there are blacks.

*"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right-side up again. And now that they are asking to do it, the men better let them."*

## *SOJOURNER TRUTH*

Isabella Van Wagenen was born into slavery in Hurley, New York in 1797. She was one of 13 children but she never got to know her brothers and sisters because they were quickly sold as slaves.

Her master, Mr. Dumont arranged for her to marry a slave named Thomas. She had 5 children with him, but her master sold some of them.

She was released following the New York Anti Slavery Law of 1827, however slavery was not abolished nationwide for 35 years. She lived for a time with a Quaker family who gave her the only education she ever received. They also helped her get back one of her children.

She became an outspoken advocate of women's rights as well as blacks' rights. In 1843, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth . Everywhere she spoke she made a lasting impression. She was physically strong and over six feet tall and she had a powerful, booming voice.

She actively supported the Black troops during the Civil War and helped get the government to give these soldiers land. She continued to travel and preach throughout the northeast and Midwest from her home in Battle Creek, Michigan where she died at the age of 84 in 1883.

## **Ain't I a Woman?**

Sojourner Truth gave her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio. (The women's rights movement grew in large part out of the anti-slavery movement.) No formal record of the speech exists, but Frances Gage, an abolitionist and president of the Convention, recounted Truth's words. There is debate about the accuracy of this account because Gage did not record the account until 1863 and her record differs somewhat from newspaper accounts of 1851. However it is Gage's report that endures and it is clear that, whatever the exact words, "Ain't I a Woman?" made a great impact at the Convention and has become a classic expression of women's rights.

## **The Classic Report**

Several ministers attended the second day of the Woman's Rights Convention, and were not shy in voicing their opinion of man's superiority over women. One claimed "superior intellect", one spoke of the "manhood of Christ," and still another referred to the "sin of our first mother."

Suddenly, Sojourner Truth rose from her seat in the corner of the church.

"For God's sake, Mrs. Gage, *don't* let her speak!" half a dozen women whispered loudly, fearing that their cause would be mixed up with Abolition.

Sojourner walked to the podium and slowly took off her sunbonnet. Her six-foot frame towered over the audience. She began to speak in her deep, resonant voice: "Well, children, where there is so much racket, there must be something out of kilter, I think between the Negroes of the South and the women of the North - all talking about rights - the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all this talking about?"

Sojourner pointed to one of the ministers. "That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody helps *me* any best place. *And ain't I a woman?*"

Sojourner raised herself to her full height. "Look at me! Look at my arm." She bared her right arm and flexed her powerful muscles. "I have plowed, I have planted and I have gathered into barns. And no man could head me. *And ain't I a woman?*"

"I could work as much, and eat as much as man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! *And ain't I a woman?* I have borne children and seen most of them sold into slavery, and when I cried out with a mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me. *And ain't I a woman?*"

The women in the audience began to cheer wildly.

She pointed to another minister. "He talks about this thing in the head. What's that they call it?"

"Intellect," whispered a woman nearby.

"That's it, honey. What's intellect got to do with women's rights or black folks' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half-measure full?"

"That little man in black there! He says women can't have as much rights as men. 'Cause Christ wasn't a woman. She stood with outstretched arms and eyes of fire. "Where did your Christ come from?"

"*Where did your Christ come from?*", she thundered again. "From God and a Woman! Man had nothing to do with him!"

The entire church now roared with deafening applause.

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right-side up again. And now that they are asking to do it the men better let them."

## **A Contemporaneous Account**

*From the Anti-Slavery Bugle, Salem, Ohio, June 21, 1851.*

One of the most unique and interesting speeches of the Convention was made by Sojourner Truth, an emancipated slave. It is impossible to transfer it to paper, or convey any adequate idea of the effect it produced upon the audience. Those only can appreciate it who saw her powerful form, her whole-souled, earnest gesture, and listened to her strong and truthful tones. She came forward to the platform and addressing the President (Frances Gage) said with great simplicity:

May I say a few words? Receiving an affirmative answer, she proceeded; I want to say a few words about this matter. I am for woman's rights. I have as much muscle as any man, and can do as much work as any man. I have plowed and reaped and husked and chopped and mowed, and can any man do more than that? I have heard much about the sexes being equal; I can carry as much as any man, and can eat as much too, if I can get it. I am as strong as any man that is now.