

**MCKENDREE-SIMMS-BROOKLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC**

September 21, 2025



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Order of Worship

September 21, 2025– 10:00AM

*All members and guests are reminded to check their phones when entering the sanctuary
to make sure they are turned off or in silent mode.*

***Please Stand**

Prelude

Min. Charles Phillips

Welcome Announcements/Recognition of Guest

Andrea Broadnax, Liturgist

Invocation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, you who found work early in the morning. The wait is over;
God needs your labor.

**People: Our God is generous, and our hope is soaring. For we no longer are waiting
in the marketplace.**

Leader: Come, you, who need a promise of just wages. Even if you didn't find ME first. I will
hire you at 9:00 in the morning, at noon, and at 3:00 o'clock. I can still use you.

People: Our God is merciful.

Leader: Come, you, who thinks it's too late, the workday is almost done,
but I want your labor too.

People: Our God is merciful and kind.

Leader: Now take your reward, I pay last to first. I pay what I promise.
This payment will feed you, clothe you, heal you, help you, and make you whole.

**People: We wonder why we are all paid the same when some have been
working all day.**

Leader: God is not a man that He should lie; God wants us to see that our needs are met
and rejoice when our neighbors receive justice. We should rejoice in the
God of mercy and generosity.

ALL: We will take what is promised to us! We haven't earned it.

For we serve a God who is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love. AMEN!!

***Opening Hymn**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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1 What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk
in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Sign of the week
Ministry in Music

“Somebody Prayed for me”
“Revelation 19”

Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory

Hands In Christian Service
Voices United

Offertory Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Exclamation of the Holy Word**

Matthew 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Ministry in Music “I’m Still Holding On”

The Proclamation of the Holy Word

Invitation to Discipleship

Voices United

Pastor Brown

Altar Call

*Benediction

Postlude

Pastor Brown

Min. Phillips

Closing Hymn

“Till we Meet Again”

Sermon Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Have an announcement?

Please submit it to: msbannouncements@gmail.com

- Please be advised that Covid, Measles and other respiratory cases are on the rise. Wearing a mask is still optional, but strongly encouraged during morning worship. Don't forget to sanitize and wash your hands. Please stay home if you feel sick.
- Bible Study at 7pm Wednesday. September 17 - October 8. Zoom information will be provided.
- MSB let's keep Sis. Karlene Ore-Klumpacher in prayer as she recovers from surgery at Georgetown University Hospital.
- MSB mourns with family in the loss of our own Bro. Lawrence Yates on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Homegoing Service is Saturday, September 27, 2025 Family hour 10am; Service 11am. Let's continue to keep Sis. Jackie and family in prayer. Cards and other tokens of love may be sent to the family at the home address.
- The Membership Committee is implementing operation "Getting to Know You" through the end of September. We are providing name tags for everyone and asking that unless you have an assigned responsibility during worship service, to please sit in a different section of the sanctuary each Sunday to get to know other members of the MSB family as well as our visitors.
- Also, let's continue to keep in prayer all members who are mourning the passing of loved ones and those on the sick and recovering list.
- As we joyfully welcome Pastor Brown back from her Sabbatical, we invite you to share any prayer requests, visitation needs, or ministry concerns to her directly or contact the church office. For the most timely response, you are encouraged to email her at pastor@alexisfbrown.com.

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Celebrate God, Serve God, and make disciples of Jesus Christ

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We appreciate your continued gifts of generosity of tithes and offerings given online, in worship, or by regular mail. It allows us to continue to advance the kingdom through ministry and to be good stewards of the House of Worship.