

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 17, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**Please refrain from walking where you see the (*) asterisk symbol.*

MORNING MEDITATION:

Deacon Betty Adams

Diaconate Ministry Leader

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

DEVOTION:

Sounds of Zion and Congregation

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

PROCESSIONAL/ OPENING HYMN:

Choir and Congregation

*RESPONSIVE READING:

*The Reverend Clifford
Matthews Jr.*

Leader: Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a congregation, to you to become part of your church.

People: Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to your voice and were obedient to your call to organize this congregation for your purpose.

Leader: Help us to teach our young your ways and their history, so they will know who you are and who they can be.

People: Inspire us with a vision for the future and use that vision to direct the path of this congregation.

Leader: Help us to lean not on our own understanding but to lean on every promise of your Word.

People: Grant us the authority to conquer all divisiveness, and fill us with a desire to love one another.

Leader: Lord, please hide us in your bosom and protect us from all evil and from the wiles of those spirits that seek to destroy the peace you have given us.

People: May your spirit continue to infuse our church with courage, hope, and grace.

Leader: Teach us to know your voice and give us the courage to obey it.

People: Lord, please continue to provide your Church with a light for the world.

Leader: As we move forward in this ministry, we recommit ourselves to the principles of Your Word—to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul.

People: To love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Leader: To feed the hungry and to clothe the naked.

People: To work for justice on behalf of those whose voices are not heard.

All: For this is how our God is glorified, that we bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be His disciples. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Choir and Congregation

*CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior, who has taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE:

*INVOCATION PRAYER:

CHORAL RESPONSE:

Choir and Congregation

“Doxology”

WORSHIP MINISTRY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION:

DIACONATE SET-APART SERVICE

DIACONATE ELECT CHARGE:

The Reverend Clifford Matthews Jr.

*ALTAR CALL:

The Reverend Clifford Matthews Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER:

The Reverend Clifford Matthews Jr.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC:

SERMON:

Reverend Myron Hill,

The

*TITHES & OFFERING:

OFFERTORY LITANY

Leader: The one who supplies seed to the sower will supply and multiply your resources.

People: Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Leader: Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience and by your generosity.

All: We will be enriched in every way; hence we joyfully bring our tithes and offerings to the storehouse.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:
Congregation and Church

"All Things Come of Thee"

PASTORAL REMARKS:
The Reverend Clifford Matthews Jr.

BENEDICTION/BLESSINGS:
The Reverend Clifford Matthews Jr.

RECESSIONAL / CHORAL RESPONSE: *"Sevenfold and Threefold Amen"*
Choir and Congregation

*(*We ask that all worshippers to remain in place until all worship leaders/choir have recessed.
Please join us in the multi-purpose area for a reception)*