

JOB 19:25-27 (KJV)

<sup>25</sup> For I know *that* my Redeemer liveth,  
And *that* he shall stand *at* the latter *day* upon the earth:  
<sup>26</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*,  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God:  
<sup>27</sup> Whom I shall see for myself, And mine eyes shall behold,  
And not <sup>[b]</sup>another; <sup>[c]</sup>*Though* my reins be consumed <sup>[d]</sup>within me.

JOB 19:25-27 (CEV)

25I know that my Savior <sup>[a]</sup> lives, and at the end  
he will stand on this earth.  
26My flesh may be destroyed,  
yet from this body  
I will see God. <sup>[b]</sup> 27Yes, I will see him for myself,  
and I long for that moment.

REVELATION 21:1-7 (CEV)

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

1I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. 2Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband.

3I heard a loud voice shout from the throne:

God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. 4He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever.

5Then the one sitting on the throne said:

I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true and can be trusted. 6Everything is finished! I am Alpha and Omega, <sup>[a]</sup> the beginning and the end. I will freely give water from the life-giving fountain to everyone who is thirsty. 7All who win the victory will be given these blessings. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF  
MRS. FLORENCE WILSON LANIER



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006  
2:00 P.M.

HINES MEMORIAL  
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Reverend Kenneth D. McMillian  
Pastor

The Reverend Carlton Mahone  
Presiding Elder

The Right Reverend Othal H. Lakey  
Presiding Prelate

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

### THE MOMENT OF MEDITATION

### THE SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*"TOTAL PRAISE"*

SMALLWOOD

LORD, I WILL LIFT MINE EYES TO THE HILLS, KNOWING MY HELP IS COMING FROM YOU. YOUR PEACE YOU GIVE ME IN TIME OF THE STORM. YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF MY STRENGTH; YOU ARE THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE. I LIFT MY HANDS IN TOTAL PRAISE TO YOU. AMEN!

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE 27

*"BLESSED ASSURANCE"*

KNAPP

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WE 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 ROSE 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. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

### THE INVOCATION

### THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

JOB 19:25-27

### THE GLORIA PATRI

MIENEKE

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.

### THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

REVELATION 21:1-7

### THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"JUST AS I AM"*

FROM MT. OLIVE

### THE REFLECTIONS

MRS. MARY BARNES

### THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THE PASTOR

### THE BENEDICTION

### THE FINAL MOMENT OF MEDITATION

*"THE LORD BLESS YOU . . ."*

LUTKIN

### THE SEVENFOLD AMEN

LUTKIN

## IN MEMORY OF MRS. FLORENCE WILSON LANIER

*Psychologist William Moulton Marston asked three thousand persons, "What have you to live for?" He was shocked to find that 94 percent were simply enduring the present while waiting for the future. They would describe this as waiting for "something" to happen—waiting for children to grow up and leave home, waiting for next year, waiting for another time to take a long-dreamed-about trip, waiting for tomorrow. They were waiting without realizing that all anyone ever has is TODAY, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow never comes*

Today! Yes, today! It was that philosophy that was plainly evidenced in the life of Mrs. Florence Wilson Lanier. Born October 14, 1921 in Sparta, Georgia to Jessie and Florence Wilson, this servant labored to make sure every detail was covered and every task completed. Having been graduated from Madison High School and having received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Georgia Normal College and the Master of Education Degree from Ft. Valley State College, this 50 year veteran middle school teacher was committed to the education of children and youth both academically and spiritually. During her tenure as Superintendent of Church School and Director of Christian Education at Hines Memorial C.M.E. Church, it was her joy to make sure every Christmas and every Easter was a special time for the children and youth entrusted to her care. Full of spirit and Holy Spirit, full of zest and hope, full of grace and charm, she lived for "today" serving well as a steward, a stewardess, a missionary, a Girl Scout Leader, and Assistant Director of Christian Education for the Albany-Thomasville District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

What lessons we learn from this saint of God who gave so much of herself to mankind and all of herself to her Lord! What lessons we learn from her about service today, about commitment today, about sacrifice today, about hard work today, about love today, about Life today.

Today, as we remember Mrs. Florence Wilson Lanier, may we learn from her, may we emulate her, may we follow in her ways – may we too learn to live today, sacrifice today, give today, work today, love today, Yes, today we remember Mrs. Florence Wilson Lanier, but may our memories not be manifested with long and sad faces but with spirit and Holy Spirit, with hope and cheer, with commitment and recommitment, with grace and love, with kindness and zeal, with Life and Life eternal. In the words of William Cullen Bryant:

SO LIVE, THAT WHEN THY SUMMONS COMES TO JOIN  
THE INNUMERABLE CARAVAN WHICH MOVES  
TO THAT MYSTERIOUS REALM WHERE EACH SHALL TAKE  
HIS CHAMBER IN THE SILENT HALLS OF DEATH,  
THOU GO NOT, LIKE THE QUARRY-SLAVE AT NIGHT,  
SCOURGED BY HIS DUNGEON; BUT, SUSTAIN'D AND SOOTHED  
BY AN UNFALTERING TRUST, APPROACH THY GRAVE,  
LIKE ONE WHO WRAPS THE DRAPERY OF HIS COUCH  
ABOUT HIM, AND LIES DOWN TO PLEASANT DREAMS.