



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER AME CHURCH
African Methodist Episcopal Church



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Sunday service Synopsis

May 5, 2013

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00a & 10:30a

SATELLITE: COR WEST: 1p - University of California Irvine, Cross Cultural Center

Rev. Charles Dorsey Preaches at Christ Our Redeemer Central

Christ Our Redeemer's preacher on this Sunday was our own Youth and Young Adult Pastor, Rev. Charles Dorsey. With his energetic deliverance, he had the entire congregation on their feet listening to his every word and cheering him on. Rev. Dorsey has achieved much success with the youth and young adults at COR including the recent launch of Jump Start, COR's New Generation Praise Youth Ministry, a middle school ministry for our 6th to 8th graders. Rev. Charles preaches every Sunday at 1pm at COR West, our satellite church located at UC Irvine, Cross Cultural Center. Rev. Charles will soon further his education as he strives for his Doctorate of Divinity.

Visiting COR on this Sunday was Daniel, Vicky and Enrique, representing the Orange County Congregation Community Organiza-

tion's "Campaign for Citizenship" program. The program is seeking communities of faith to speak up and make the difference in the immigration debate.

Praise and Worship song was *Blessed* led by Rev. DeWayne Knox. The first choral selection was *Oh Jesus*. The Invocation followed, delivered by Rev. Dr. Najuma Smith Pollard. The Doxology and Decalogue (4th Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed

the Sabbath day and consecrated it. *Exodus 20:8-11*) was led by Rev. Teka Barber.

COR's visitors were welcomed by Rev. Najuma and the congregation, and *Give Up Praise* was our welcome song. Pastor acknowledged, and we all congratulate, Sis. Lakeisha Dorsey as she graduates this May from law school. He also encouraged and invited everyone to come to one of our bible studies held Monday through Friday, and every Sunday. Announcements by Rev. Dr. Richard Rose included Intercessory Prayer Service led by Rev. Teka Barber on Wednesdays, 6pm; join Word Became Dance, Ministry leader Rev. Stephanie Butler Adams, Fridays, 6:30pm; WMS Prayer, Praise & Pampering, May 11, 8am, \$40; Mother's Day "Hattitude," May 12; Summer Enrichment Academy "Early Bird" deadline, May 15; First Ladies Health Initiative, May 19, 11am - 3pm; "Call to the Wall" Christian Education Summit, Las Vegas, July 17-19; and El Nino, Mexico, Mission Trip, Ron Guyer, May 24 - 25.

Offering was delivered by Rev. Martha Daniel and the offering song was *Search Me Lord*. Scripture reading was by Licentiate Shendona Moore and Spiritual Meditation was led by Rev. Rose. The sermonic selection was *Manifest*, lead singer Sis. Tahera Christy.

Holy Communion followed the sermon. The choir sang *The Lord's Prayer*, and the Benediction was delivered by Rev. Julius Dodd.





Rev. Charles Dorsey "Go Forward, Or Go Home"



Do you feel a little stuck sometimes? Do you find internal frustration because you're tired of being in the same place? Do you wrestle with the question, "When am I gonna get out of this?" Do you have friends that don't want to go anywhere or do anything and they're content with exactly where they are? Today's message offers an affirmative and encouraging and motivating message that simply says, "Go forward, or go home!"

Jesus is between two most quoted, preached about miracles: after He fed 5,000, and just before He walks on water. Just after He finishes one, He gives the people an ultimatum. They ate and they were full. Immediately, He sent His disciples to get on a boat. Go forward, or go home. Many would have been content to sit there where they ate and do nothing. They would have been content to go no farther and sit there until another miracle came.

- Jesus understands that people get caught up in blessings and miracles.

It's easy to sit in the same place when things are coming to you and you've done nothing.

- God is not interested in stale people.



The Christian walk is about people who can get a push-start and roll downhill because they're determined not to stay in the same place.

- God should not have to push you every time you have to move.

Sometimes life puts you in a place where you can't tolerate being where you are and it's time for you to move forward.

- You must refuse to stay where you are and move forward.

You cannot sit and dwell on what you've done, because there's still more to do. You cannot think about what you did yesterday, because today is in front of you.

- Some people are trying to serve God based off of old blessings from years ago.

Every day you wake up, that's a good enough reason to go forward.

Jesus offered an opportunity to go forward, because Christ cannot allow a body of believers to stay in the same place. We are too knowledgeable, have too much experience, and too much grace invested in us. When God makes an investment, He expects a return on His investment.

The majority of the people took their blessing and went home, but a small segment of the people said "even if I'm moving from stability to instability, I'm gonna do what you told me to do. Not because I want to, but because of who was giving the instruction."

- When God says go forward, we've got to be wise enough to get on the boat.

Row your boat!!!!





ENJOY THE PHOTOS!





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