

# LaMott African Methodist Episcopal Church

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**Church School Lesson: "Ceaseless Love"**

**Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:16-24**

**Key Text:** - "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail."

Lamentations 3:21-22 - **Happy Birthday Sis. Lucille Hudson!**



**Summary of the Lesson** How do you talk to a person who has lost hope; lost their identity; lost the will to live? The

Book of Lamentations memorializes the devastation and hopelessness of a people. Such was the case when Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, lay siege upon Judah, destroying the place, killing many, and taking a significant number of the population into captivity to Babylon. Especially hurtful was the destruction of the temple, the centerpiece of Jerusalem and the symbol of their special relationship with God. The devastation was extreme, humiliation profound. Not only did the people suffer physically, but they also suffered spiritually. Jesse Jackson coined a phrase during his tenure as head of Operation PUSH: "keep hope alive". The people had lost not only their sense of physical well-being in a place that gave them prosperity and security, but also, they lost their sense of spiritual well-being and their connection to God because of the destruction of the temple. The effect was very traumatic. There appeared to be no hope of recovery. Reflections on what one's loss can be a good thing. It can, however, become a pit of no-return. Over hundreds of years, God had protected them; provided for them; fought for them; brought them to a land of their own. Even so, the people often forgot how God had kept them. Was it greed, lust or envy? Were they looking at others, enemies of God, and desiring what they had? How did they get to this point? God's use of the enemy had allowed everything they knew and loved to be taken away. God had given them a "blueprint" for life and living through Moses. But they became distracted looking and listening to "others" time and time again. Had God finally abandoned them? There are times when one has to be thrown in the pit. When there is nowhere to go but up, can you remember God's mercy? Can you remember the time of God's blessings? If one can get past the feeling of despair and despondency and realize there is still hope, then one can begin to climb out of the pit. If one can remember the mercy and blessings of God, then perhaps reflections can be strong enough to hold in check the despair and despondency that threatens domination of thoughts that determines one's outlook. Yes, I'm suffering, but I'm still alive. Remember what God has done. Remember His love for you, despite the mess you've made. Remember His faithfulness to deaf and dumb people. Remember His compassion for a "distracted people". Life's journey is filled with experiences of successes and failures. They help to mold us into who we are. When we can hold on to the truth of the matter, we find that God is still with us. The truth of the matter for us is found in His Word. The lives and experiences of those who have gone before us, many of whom are witnesses to His goodness, mercy and faithfulness, provide invaluable encouragement. It does no good to dwell in the pit of despair. We can look to those of faith who have survived devastating and traumatic experiences and who managed to get out of the pit with even greater assurance of God's mercy and love. Those who testify that faith in God's ceaseless love need not die in the face of horrible circumstances. Faith that is resilient means remembering the horrors of your experiences but also the many blessings that God has given even in our darkest times. "When life is heavy and hard to take, go off by yourself. Enter the silence. Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: wait for hope to appear. Don't run from trouble. Take it full-face. The 'worst' is never the worst." (vs. 28-30). Find the balance between God's faithfulness and love and the memory of heartbreak and pain. "Keep hope alive" Amen.

**Worship Webinar** : **Webinar ID:** 931 9705 6304 -Dial in +1 (646) 931-3860 - **Then dial** 931 9705 6304 #

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **BIBLE STUDY Tues. @ 7:30p**-via our **Bible Study Zoom** line all are welcome

**TODAY- The Stewardess Board** will meet after the morning service.

**Sat. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>** @ 12noon -**The Phila. Conference Lay Organization "Unsung Hero Awards Luncheon"** will be held at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa, -**Bro David Goodman is the Unsung Hero from LaMott**. Please see **Sis. Wanda** if you would like to place an ad in honor of Bro. Goodman. The deadline for ads (full page -\$50.) is Sun., July 21<sup>st</sup>. **Please see Sis. Lydia Goodman** (Vice-Chair) for tickets - donation \$55, and please see **Sis. Deb Roberts** to sign the Patron's List: (\$1 -single/\$2 Mr. & Mrs.). **thank you!**

**In Person Church School @ 9:00 a.m.** - Every Sunday. **All are Welcome.**

**Per Sister Rosemary Manley**, Pres., of the Mary Campbell Women's Missionary Society ~

"Consultant Wanda Smith represented the Shrine Area WMS in the Conference Queen Contest held at St.

Matthew. She came in 2nd place out of six contestants. Sis. Phyllis Ruffin won the Conference Queen Contest and will represent Phila. Conference at the "First District Queen Contest, 9/28/24, at 3801. Stay tuned." Thank you again Church Family for your support. Love, Peace & Joy always!"



# LaMott A.M.E. Church

"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer,  
the Holy Spirit Our Comforter,  
Humankind Our Family"

## Order of Service

Sunday, July 7, 2024



**Scripture of the Month:** "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." *1 Samuel 30:6 KJV*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – Please see INSERT

**OPENING HYMN** "God Bless America"

God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, My home, sweet home. God bless America, My home, sweet home.

**PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**DECLARATION** Brother Robert Love

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen

**READING OF THE WILL**

**Old Testament- 2 Chronicles 20:14-23 New Testament – Acts 16:16-26 The Gospel - Luke 1:46-56**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty  
Gloria Patri – "Glory be to the Father"

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

**INVITATIONAL**

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**THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS**

**GENERAL CONFESSION** -- Please see INSERT

**COMMUNION ADMINISTERED** "The Lord's Supper"



**Benediction** "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



Sis. Danita Wilbanks, Sister Mary English, Manjula Jefpoul sister of Sis. Anirha Jefpoul, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Linda Floyd's Sis. in Christ, Toya Johnson, Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. of Sis. Jackie Sewell, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Family. Healing and Unity, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sis. O'Jetta Crosswell's Brother - Brewington W. Crosswell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crosswell, Sis. Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Dad, family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. [Birthdays or Anniversaries in July.](#)



**JULY** - Lucille Hudson 1<sup>st</sup> Delores Rollins 8<sup>th</sup> Analise Malcolm 17<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Robinson 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Danita Wilbanks 24<sup>th</sup>



**JULY** Pastor Attles & Sis. Kelly 20<sup>th</sup> – 22 years

