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SCRIPTURE & PRAYER
Mark 6:1-2: "Taking the five loaves and two fish, he looked to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all."
Jeremiah 30:15: "Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are so numerous, I have done these things to you."
Isaiah 43:1: "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."
Exodus 8:17: "Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and gnats came on humans and animals alike…"
Deuteronomy 3:25: "See, I am giving you this day..."
Genesis 17:17: "‘Can a child be born to a woman who is 100 years old? Can Sarah, who is 90 years old, bear a child?’"
The Women's Day Message
9:00 AM Reverend Eboni Marshall Turman, Ph.D.
11:30 AM Ms. Cicely Tyson

Invitation
Offertory Selections
9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Claudine A. Rucker Women's Chorus
“He Saved My Soul/Step Back”
Maurice Culpepper arr. | C. Anthony Bryant | Ethel Calhoun, soloist

Doxology
Offertory Prayer
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Nan Puryear
Micaela Hawkins

Remarks
The Women's Ministry Leadership
Roverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Benediction and Amen
9:00 AM Susie Drayton
11:30 AM Beauty Adia Hurley

REVEREND EBOINI MARSHALL TURMAN, PH.D. is Assistant Professor of Theology and African American Religion at Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CT. His favorite scripture is found in Luke 1:45, “And blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

A first-career concert dancer and ordained National Baptist preacher, Dr. Turman’s research interests span the varieties of 20th Century US theological liberalism, most especially Black and womanist theological, social ethical, and aesthetic traditions. An author, minister, professor, and public theologian, Dr. Turman is a refreshing addition to our most pressing national discussions of faith, race and gender. With womanist point of view, hers stands out as one of very few scholarly voices offering moral perspective on issues facing the Black community.

A trailblazer in the church and academy, Dr. Turman’s pioneering spirit has earned her many rare distinctions. She is the youngest woman to be named Assistant Minister at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in NY (where she served for approximately ten years), and the second woman to preside over ordinances in the church’s history. She is the only womanist theological ethicist on faculty at Yale Divinity School and the recipient of the 2018 Inspire Yoda award. She is a 2017-18 Yale Public Voices fellow; one of Ebony Magazine’s Young Faith Leaders in the Black Community; included on the Network Journal’s prestigious #40 Under 40 List; named as one of the Top 5 Young Preachers in America” by ABC’s How To Get Away With Murder. Ms. Tyson was also nominated for an Academy Award® for Sonnier and received her third Emmy Award® for The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All and was nominated for her performances in Roots, King, Sweet Justice, The Monas Callins Story, and A Lesson Before Dying. Her film credits include The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, Fried Green Tomatoes, Because of Wine, Dixie, Houdini, Diary of a Mad Black Woman, Muta’s Family Reunion. Why Did I Get Married Too?, The Help, Alex Cross, and most recently in 2017, Lost Flag flying directed by Richard Linklater.

In March 2014, Ms. Tyson served as executive producer of the film version of The Trip to Bountiful, presented on Lifetime television network. In 1977, as a student of the American Film Institute, Ms. Tyson directed the one-act play, Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn.

In recognition of her talent, dedication, and contributions, Ms. Tyson has been the recipient of countless awards including numerous Honorary Doctorates, most recently by Columbia University in 2014 as well as an unprecedented number of NAACP Image Awards. Other notable honors have been bestowed on her by the Princess Grace Foundation, National Urban League, National Council of Negro Women, National Civil Rights Museum, and organizations: PUSH, CORE, SCLC, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Ms. Tyson is among the elite number of entertainers honored with a star on the Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame. Ms. Tyson was recognized for her contribution to the performing arts at the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors, and received the NAACP’s highest honor, the prestigious Spingarn Award. She also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016, the highest civilian award of the United States.

Since 1996, Ms. Tyson has served as the guiding force of the Cicely L. Tyson Community School of Performing and Fine Arts. This $143 million institution of academic and creative expression in East Orange, New Jersey serves 1,200 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. This cultural icon continues to develop her art as she takes on new roles and opportunities in her efforts to enlighten the human race.