

**Order of Worship**

**The Processional**

**The Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love  
endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast  
love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Invocation**

**The Hymn of Praise**

**The Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** "Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you" Deuteronomy 16:20

**People**: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love" Psalm 33:5

**Leader:** "You shall do no injustice in your judgment. You shall not lift up the person of the poor, nor shall you give extra importance to the person who is mighty. Rather judge your neighbors righteously" Leviticus 19:15

**People:** The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love" Psalm 33:5

**Leader:** "Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute" Psalm 82:3

**People**: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love" Psalm 33:5

**Leader**: "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow's cause" Isaiah 1:17

**People:** The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love" Psalm 33:5

**All:** "Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right" Psalm 106:3

**Gloria Patri:**

**The Affirmation of Faith:**  *“The Apostle’s Creed”*

**The Scripture Lesson:** Micah 6:1-8

**The Prayer:**

**The Choral Response:**

**The History of the Second Mile Project/Agape Sunday*:***

**The Ministry of Giving/ Offerings:** *(include a special appeal for Second Mile Offering*

**Introduction of Agape Speaker:**

**The Selection:**

**The Message:**

**The Hymn of Invitation:**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship:**

**The Recessional and Missionary Benediction:**

***God be merciful unto us, bless us, cause His face to Shine upon us, and give us peace. Amen.***

**AGAPE LOVE**

**QUICK FACTS:**

* Agape is a Greek word pronounced ah-gah-pay
* Agape love is brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence
* Agape love is what Jesus Christ displayed on the cross for us as he took our place for the sin

***Reference:***[*https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/what-is-agape-love-and-what-does-it-mean-for-me.html*](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/what-is-agape-love-and-what-does-it-mean-for-me.html)

**EQUITY & JUSTICE**

Suggested Ideas & Projects to support your Second Mile efforts during the month of February:

**Mary Gaither Meeks Luncheon Ideas:**

* Serve a meager meal after morning service such as a Cup of Soup and a Toss Salad.
* Sacrifice the cost of Lunch and give a Second Mile donation to your local church.
* Prepare an Agape Lunch Bar; serve baked potatoes, salad and soup to those that are experiencing food insecurity in your community.
* Conduct a RoundTable discussion about three Equity and Justice Issues in your community.

**Agape Sunday Ideas:**

* The 25 Cent Project -30 days Countdown to Agape Sunday with a daily donation of twenty-five cent or more in your special container.
* Assign a WHOMS Department representative to Spotlight an Equity and Justice issue each Sunday.
* Share God’s Love by giving a small green potted plant to visitors. (Buds/Youth)

**Vilma D. Leake Walk-A-Mile Ideas:**

* Walk-A-Mile for Home Mission-representing an Episcopal District e.g. (Southwestern Delta). **Reference: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church 2021p. 285.**
  + Discover the beauty of Creation
  + Walk 2,025 steps daily to improve your emotional, mental and physical health
* Initiate a Prayer Challenge: a seven-day walk for Equity and Justice affecting your community.

Create a Walk-A-Mile Wall for Home Mission using a paper sneaker template. Ask for donations to support a Home Missions Conference such as Arkansas.

**From the Office of the Connectional First Vice-President:**

I am excited and delighted to share the Second Mile Observance Program, which highlights the second component of our Quadrennial Theme; “Equity and Justice”. Twenty-twenty-five (2025) is the Year of **Home Mission.** As we launch our 2025 Campaign for our Home Mission Conferences, let us continue our new standard of giving with our monetary and non-monetary resources. In the 13th chapter of John, Jesus is having a crucial conversation with his disciples. Jesus talked about the facts, his feelings, and his love for them, his foes, his enemies, and his future. Jesus also demonstrated his humility by washing his disciples’ feet. These events and conversations **transformed the lives of his Disciples. As we continue the fight for Equity and Justice in the Earth Realm, let us remember John 13:34-35 *“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”(msg).*** Jesus does not provide them with an option, it is a non-negotiable, and it is a directive. He established a new set of standards for the disciples to follow which would guide them for their future journey without him. Love is the key standard that will guide the disciples as they continue the work of Christ. We also must demonstrate Agape Love in our work to promote equity and justice in our local and global communities.

**Our Story:**

Dr. Abbie Clement Jackson introduced the Second Mile Project during her tenure as the General President (1955-1963). The Second Mile Project was a component of Dr. Jackson’s Ten Point Program to support the work of missions. Dr. Jackson launched this project by asking each member to report at least Twenty-five cents at each Mass Meeting. The funds raised for the Second Mile Project were designated to be used to undergird the work of missions at home and overseas. Mrs. Elise Keyes was the First Vice-President (1955-1963) to serve as the first Chairperson of the Second Mile Project. The Second Mile Observance has expanded into Agape Sunday, The Mary Gaither Meeks Luncheon and Vilma D. Leake Walk a Mile Second Mile.

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