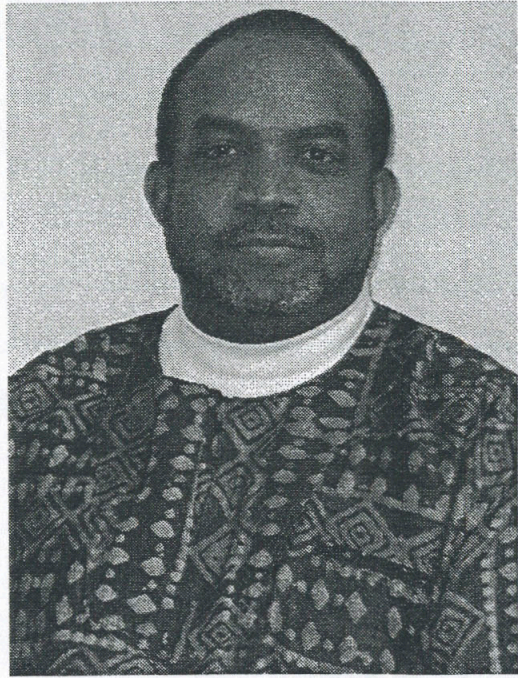


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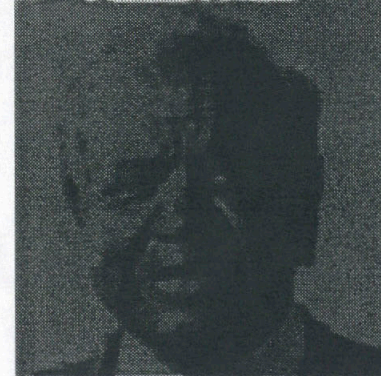
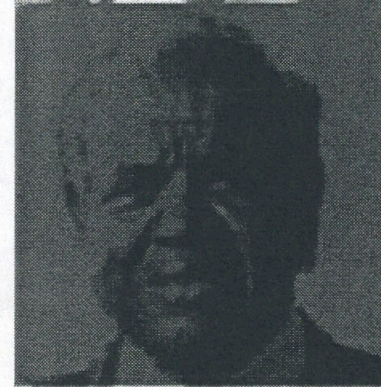
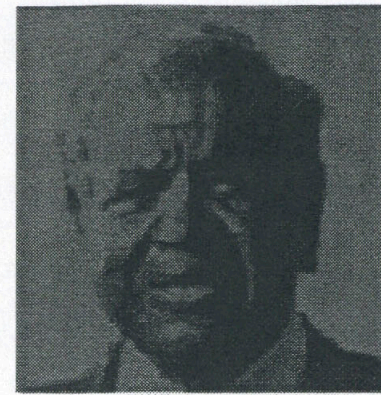
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OPENING PRAISE Create in Me A Clean Heart Donnie McClurkin

*GATHERING
As you enter the house of the Lord today, remember the many ways that God has spared you. Remember the large miracles, like deliverance from illness or death. And, don't forget the seemingly smaller ones, like not being hit in traffic. Surely God is in charge of our lives from the largest details to the smallest minutia, and our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.^

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 711 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

*OPENING SENTENCES adapted from Psalm 124

Leader: Couldn't have made it this week. Couldn't have stood the grief,
People: **If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side.**
Leader: Couldn't have faced another sunrise. .Couldn't have wept another night,
People: **If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side.**
Leader: Couldn't have let it go. .Couldn't have said, 'I forgive,'
People: **If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side.**
Leader: Couldn't have pressed through the mess. Wouldn't be standing here today,
People: **If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side.***

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38-41

MUSICAL SELECTION Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH No. 140)

SERMON Playing the Enemy

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Word and Table IV, UMH p. 26

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PASSING THE PEACE

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CLOSING PRAYER (unison)
Lord, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 369 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

^From the *Africana Worship Book, Year A*, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, general editor
* Please stand as you are able.
+ The communion elements are bread and grape juice.

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