

Calling Forth A New Thing to Behold!

The Historic Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church
and
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“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” - Isaiah 43:19

Guided by the teaching of Jesus, with a spirit of humility and faith in God’s grace and ever-present love, we journey together as brothers and sisters in Christ to behold what new thing God moves us to do after nearly three decades in sacred partnership.

We recognize that we are flawed and imperfect people who are saved by the redeeming grace of Jesus and acknowledge the impact and reality of systems of racism and oppression at work both within and among us. We embrace this moment to set new intentions for who we want to be together, to each other and to the world.

As God made at Creation and with the people of Israel and through Jesus’s life, death, and resurrection, we make these unconditional promises to one another knowing that God’s grace is the foundation of our partnership:

- To join in prayer that God’s **transforming** work and will be done in us and through us.
- To allow the Holy Spirit to **expand our hearts** and minds that we might have eyes to see and ears to hear God in all of us.
- To seek God’s **truth** and **justice** and show **mercy** and **compassion** to one another.
- To embrace **wonder** and **curiosity** and **joy** as we **do this new thing!**

We listen with open hearts and minds for the still speaking voice of God to guide us as we walk forward in deeper connection to God and each other and the world around us.

For we are God’s people, Amen.