

#COMMUNITYSPEAKSATL

THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS

A SERVICE . A FORUM . A PLACE TO BE HEARD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

6:00-6:30 PM

Sanctuary Open for
Individual Prayer/Meditation

6:30-7:00 PM

Music and the Arts

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Worship Service/Community Forum

9:30 PM

Connect with Organizations
& Resources

A CHANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND BE HEARD

Ebenezer Baptist Church | Horizon Sanctuary
400 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, GA 30312

***THIS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND)**



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SPEAKS

PURPOSE: To provide a sacred space for interfaith prayer, solidarity, communal lament and constructive outlets for community involvement that furthers the work of social justice locally, nationally and globally.

COMPONENTS: The service should contain the following elements

- Individual prayer/reflection/meditation
- Music (choirs, soloists, musicians, congregational songs, etc.)
- Communal interfaith prayer
- 5 speakers ranging in age from 10-senior citizen (children to elders, male and female)
- Open mic for the community to speak (guided by a moderator)
- Access to connect with organizations engaged in the work of social justice in the community (i.e., on-site counselors, social justice organizations, job/employment placement, affordable healthcare registration, voter registration, etc.)

**It is key that the combined time allotted for the speakers be significantly less than the time allotted for the open mic/voice of the public. Giving space for the community to speak and be heard is critical.*

SERVICE OUTLINE:

6:00-6:30 pm	Sanctuary opens for individual reflection/meditation/prayer
6:30-7:00 pm	Music (visiting choirs and ensembles each group gets 5-10 minutes)
7:00-7:02 pm	Opening Prayer/Invocation
7:02-7:10 pm	Welcome/Occasion/Overview/Rules of Engagement
7:10-7:15 pm	Song/Movement Song
7:15-7:35 pm	Speakers (4 minutes for each speaker with a 30 second moment of silence between each. This is symbolic for the 4.5 hours that Mike Brown was left in the streets)
7:35-9:05 pm	Open Mic Forum/Town Hall (with moderator to stay on time and on topic)
9:05-9:10 pm	Song
9:10-9:20 pm	Interfaith Prayers of Healing (Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Sik, etc.)
9:20-9:25 pm	Altar Prayer
9:25-9:30 pm	Benediction
9:30-10:00 pm	Organization Connection

Tables should be set up either in a fellowship hall or lobby/narthex for social justice organizations to recruit and connect with the members of the community as they leave the service/forum. Each table/organization should have literature, sign-up sheets, and pertinent information to engage the community for continued involvement and service in the work of justice and social transformation.

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