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October 2, 2022

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost



ST. JOHN

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Established in 1830

**2261 East 40th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44103**

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

“We’re Better Together”

Psalm 133:1

The Order of Worship

*The Introit

“In the Service of the Lord”

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.** (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.** (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. (Psalm 26:8)

People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.** (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; all the earth sing praises.** (Psalm 98:1, 4)

The Opening Prayer

The Choral Response

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

*The Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:5-10 (RSV)

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ And the Lord said, “If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, ‘Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at table’?

⁸ Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink’?

⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

*The Abridged Decalogue

From all that dwell below the skies, Let thy Creator's praise arise; Let thy Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

Minister: And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Nearer my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me; Still all my song shall be. Nearer my God to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

Minister: Hear what Christ our Savior saith. Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments, hang all the law and the prophets.

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Musical Selection

“Use Me”

The Sermon

Pastor Henry F Curtis, IV

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Invitational Selection

“O Lord, I Am Not Worthy”

Sister Lynn Eduardos

The Ministry of Giving (Givelify digital giving is on the link below).

- <https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NDA2NDY=/selection>
- You may also send your offering via US Mail to the church office.

*The Offertory Response

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord”

All things come of Thee, O Lord; And of Thine own, have we given Thee. Amen.

The Announcements

*The Closing Song

“Spirit Song”

*The Benediction

*The Three-Fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person Only)

The Communion Hymn

“There is a Fountain”

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains And sinners plunged beneath that flood; Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see, That fountain in his day. And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away. Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away. And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles' Creed”

Minister: Let us profess before God and one another our common faith.

Minister and People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from

thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, Amen.

St. John at Work

Online Digital Campus

- Website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>
- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-AME-Church-Cleveland-Rev-Henry-F-Curtis-IV-Pastor-106276354347644/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJn8D4TS5L-COJBjt6C0RaA>
- Conference Line: (267) 807-9659; Access Code:843047#
- Church School, Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in person and on phone.
- Bible Study, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. via conference call line.

Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, October 5, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Link to the video: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>

The 141st Session of the North Ohio Annual Conference

- October 6th – 8th, 2022
- The conference will be held virtually.
- You may view worship on the Third Episcopal District's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/3DistrictAme/>

St. John's Young Adults Meeting

- Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81343592894?pwd=Q1J4UG9EbY9STlIxREN2SXY4M1dpUT09>
- Bring more people to the meeting.
- We will continue to act on voting.

St. John's GCC Core Team and Young Adults

- WANT EVERYONE TO VOTE this fall!
- We are providing information about voting in St. John's bulletins, handouts, emails and social media.

- PLEASE, get your information, learn, act and share with everyone you know.
- Each of us should vote AND we should help others to vote.
- Printed information is available in the Overflow.

Register to Vote

- You must register or update your registration (if you moved or changed your name recently) by Tuesday, October 11, 2022, for the November 8th General Election.
- To register to vote online go to <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>.
- You must provide the following information:
- Ohio driver's license or Ohio identification card number
- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Last four digits of your Social Security number
- If you do not have any portion of the required information, [follow this link to update your voting address using our paper form \(PDF\)](#).
- Once you complete this form, you must sign and send it to your county board of elections.

GCC wants to STOP JAIL BEFORE TRIAL in Cuyahoga County

- Do you know someone who has been in jail before trial?
- Learn about the impact of jail before trial on people.
- Please contact Louise McKinney if you know someone who has been affected. <louisewennergmcKinney@gmail.com>; 216-321-1935 (Please leave a message if nobody picks up).

Senior Night Out with the Cavs at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse

- Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- Limited numbers of FREE tickets available,
- Call 216-727-1020 immediately to reserve your tickets.

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

- Don't suffer in silence. Call for help!
- 24 Hour Hotline: (216) 623-6888; Text "4HELP" to 741741

