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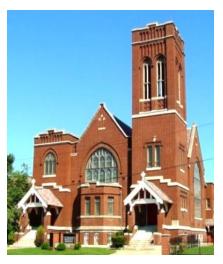
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## October 23, 2022

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost



# ST. JOHN

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Established in 1830

2261 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Sunday Worship** 

10:00 a.m.

"We're Better Together"

Psalm 133:1

### The Order of Worship

\*The Introit

\*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

\*The Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14 (RSV)

- 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:
- 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- 12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.'
- 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'
- 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## \*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

The Sermon

Pastor Henry F Curtis, IV

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

- <a href="https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NDA2NDY=/selection">https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NDA2NDY=/selection</a>
- 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

\*The Benediction

\*The Three-Fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

#### St. John at Work

### **Online Digital Campus**

- Facebook Live: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/St-John-AME-Church-Cleveland-Rev-Henry-F-Curtis-IV-Pastor-106276354347644/">https://www.facebook.com/St-John-AME-Church-Cleveland-Rev-Henry-F-Curtis-IV-Pastor-106276354347644/</a>
- YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJn8D4TS5L-COJBJt6C0RaA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJn8D4TS5L-COJBJt6C0RaA</a> The video will post after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Conference Call 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.

## Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, October 26, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <a href="http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/">http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/</a>.

#### WE ALL VOTE Event at St. John

- Today after worship in the Overflow.
- Sponsored by St. John's Young Adults (with support of Social Action Ministry/GCC Core Team), these events will:
  - $\circ\quad$  Help you to check that you are registered to vote.
  - Help you to apply for your vote by mail ballot.
  - Give you written information about how to vote;
     candidates and issues; how to get more information.
  - Give you the chance to write letters to voters, encouraging them to vote.
  - Give you home baked cookies!
- The Third District of the AME Church is supporting these events by covering the costs.
- PLEASE JOIN US learn, act, eat cookies!

## GCC Delegate Assembly

- Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
- We will learn what GCC is doing about Elections and Criminal Justice and Color of Health (COVID) – and why.

 Link to meeting: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pce2srjMpH">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pce2srjMpH</a>
 <a href="https://www.nway8ls6CO43sZaPLWDCz1x">NWay8ls6CO43sZaPLWDCz1x</a>

## GCC Dues Campaign

- Each year St. John renews our membership with GCC (Greater Cleveland Congregations) by paying our dues.
- Information will come soon about what we (GCC and St. John) have accomplished over the past 11 years and what we are doing now.
- We ask everyone to pay \$20.
- You can use Givelify (there is a special tab) or put it in an offering envelope (note that it is for GCC).
- Checks should be written to St. John with a memo to GCC.
- · Thank you.

#### Get Certified in Mental Health First Aid

- Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am 3:30 pm (Adults)
- Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am 3:00 pm (Youth)
- Register here:
- Cleveland Clinic/Glenville In-Person MHFA Registration -9.5.22 and 9.19.22 (jotform.com)
- At Cleveland Clinic; details after you register.

## Senior Night Out with the Cavs at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse

- Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- Limited number of FREE tickets available.
- Call 216-727-1020 immediately to reserve your tickets.
- If you cannot connect with this number, contact Louise McKinney: 216-321-1935;
  - < louisewennermckinney@gmail.com >

## **ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

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

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