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November 13, 2022

The 23rd 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”

Psalms 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 21:5-9 (RSV)

5 And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,

6 "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

7 And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?"

8 And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.

9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

*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).

- <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

*The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

St. John at Work

Online Digital Campus

- Website: <http://stjohnamechurchcle.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.

We Extend Sympathy

- To Sister Sherrie Stovall on the passing of her mother and our member, Mrs. Lois Jean Gilbert.
- Visitation on Thursday, November 17th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Calhoun Funeral Home, 23000 Rockside Rd., Bedford
- Funeral on Friday, November 18th at St. John.
- Visitation at 10:00 a.m., Service at 10:30 a.m.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, November 16, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

Pre-Thanksgiving Worship

- Sunday, November 20th at 2:30 p.m.
- St. James AME, 8401 Cedar Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103
- Pastor Curtis will preach, and St. John's choir will sing.
- A free meal will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

GCC Dues Campaign

- Now through the end of the year to expand our capacity to advance our social action mission.
- We ask everyone to pay \$20 (just \$2 per week).
- Use Givelify (there is a special tab for GCC), or place your gift in an offering envelope (note that it is for GCC).
- Checks should be written to St. John with a memo to GCC.

Justice for Our Children – A GCC Public Hearing

- To End Abuse of Discretionary Youth Bindovers.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
- Olivet Institutional Baptist Church or via Zoom
- Youth bindovers have negative impacts – on our youth and our whole community.
- Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/December>
- Zoom link opens at 6:30pm; action begins at 7:00pm sharp.
- Join GCC in publicly calling for the end to abusive discretionary youth bindovers.

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

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

