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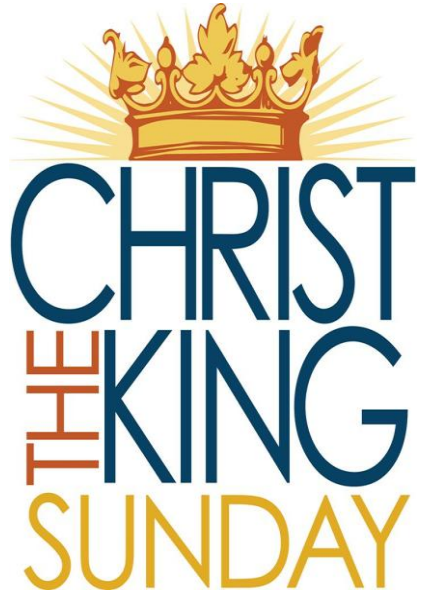
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November 20, 2022



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”

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 23:33-43 (RSV)

³³ And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar,

³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into^[c] your kingdom."

⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*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

*The Three-Fold 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.

We Extend Sympathy

- To Mrs. Sara M. Alexander on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Thomas in Alabama.
- Condolences may be sent to 615 Summerville Circle, Nashville, TN 37215.

Pre-Thanksgiving Worship

- TODAY, 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.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, November 23, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

2023 Calendar Requests

- Please turn in all calendar requests for 2023 to Pastor Curtis by Sunday, December 18, 2022.
- Hard copies of the forms are available in the Overflow and digital versions are available electronically via email.

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

Notes
