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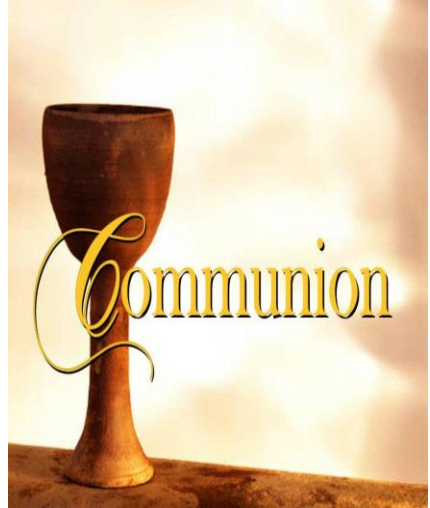
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**November 6, 2022**

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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”**

**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 20:27-38 (RSV)

<sup>27</sup> There came to him some Sad'ducees, those who say that there is no resurrection,

<sup>28</sup> and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the wife and raise up children for his brother.

<sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children;

<sup>30</sup> and the second

<sup>31</sup> and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward the woman also died.

<sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage;

<sup>35</sup> but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,

<sup>36</sup> for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

<sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

<sup>38</sup> Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him."

### \*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 Invitational Selection

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

***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, November 9, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Link to the video: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>

### Pre-Thanksgiving Worship

- Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### We All Vote at St. John!

- Get your information here! LAST CHANCE!
- Come to the Overflow following worship.
- We have written info about:
  - How and where to vote
  - Candidates and issues
  - How to learn more

### Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

- Vote early this weekend at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115:
- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Deliver your absentee ballot to the County Board of Elections drop-box by Election Day or make sure that it is stamped and postmarked by November 8, 2022.
- Vote at your polling place on Election Day.
- The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- Find your polling place here: <[443vote.us](https://www.cuyahoga.gov/elections/voting-places)>.

### **St. John's GCC Core Team/Social Action Ministry Meeting**

- Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Please join us: to be informed, to be active, to advance our social action mission.
- Join Zoom Meeting at the link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88689317423?pwd=T2VGdUFyN09paTg0ME8rS1FJOVFPZz09>

### **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 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 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.clevelandclinic.com/health/mental-health/9.5.22-and-9.19.22-jotform.com)
- At Cleveland Clinic; details after you register.

### **ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

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

