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**October 30, 2022**

**The 21<sup>st</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

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 (RSV)

<sup>3</sup> We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup> This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be made worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering—

<sup>6</sup> since indeed God deems it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

<sup>7</sup> and to grant rest with us to you who are afflicted, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire,

<sup>8</sup> inflicting vengeance upon those who do not know God and upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> They shall suffer the punishment of eternal destruction and exclusion from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

<sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

<sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power,

<sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### \*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

- 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> 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.

### Congratulations

- Janice M. Bostic who was elected, Sunday October 23, 2022, to the position of State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler for the Ohio Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle.
- This organization is an Auxiliary to The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

### Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, November 2, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

### 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:
  - 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!

- Link to meeting:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pce2srjMpHNWwY8ls6CQ43sZaPLWDCz1x](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pce2srjMpHNWwY8ls6CQ43sZaPLWDCz1x)

**Early in-person voting hours in Cuyahoga County**

- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115

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Saturday	October 29	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Weekdays	October 31 - November 4	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
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Saturday	November 5	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday	November 6	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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Monday	November 7	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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**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.

