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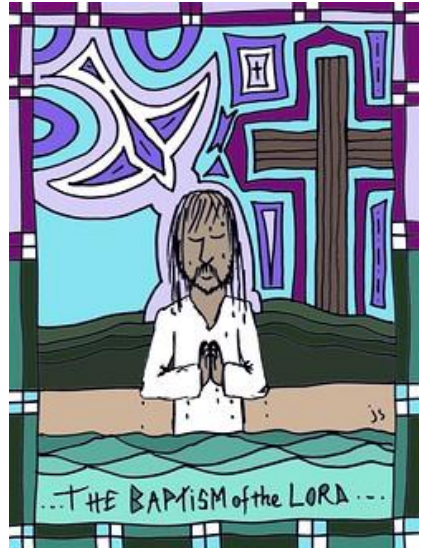
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January 8, 2023

The Baptism of the Lord



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

Matthew 3:13-17 (RSV)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.

16 And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him;

17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

*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

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows (In-Person Only)

The Renewal Hymn

***Take me to the water; Take me to the water,
Take me to the water; To be baptized.***

***None but the righteous; None but the righteous.
None but the righteous; Shall see God.***

Minister: Let us profess before God and one another our common faith.

All: 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Adopted from the UMC Book of Worship)

Minister: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and as laborers at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. 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.

Thank You

- St. John, for your continuing support of GCC – its mission and work – with your time and your finances.

2022 Tax Statements

- The statements are ready to be picked up or mailed.
- Please call the church office at (216) 431-2560.
- Thank you for your financial support.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, January 11, 2023
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

St. John's GCC Core Team Monthly Meeting

- Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89070744027?pwd=MHlxNFpnM2YxYWWhSbDliZXpndkUzQT09>

Shabbat/Sabbath Prayer Service

- Friday, January 13, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.
- Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood 44122.
- This event will commemorate the life and legacy of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Guest speaker will be Michael Twitty, culinary historian and author of [Kosher Soul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew](#).
- RSVP by Monday, January 9, 2023 to Lindsay Marcus – email lmarcus@fairmounttemple.org; phone (216)447-9538.

Church Conference

- Sunday, January 15, 2023 after the morning service.
- We will elect officers and delegates to the Cleveland District Conference and 2023 North Ohio Annual Conference.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

- Monday, January 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
- St. James AME, 8401 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103

- Michael Payton will be honored with others in the community with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.

First Quarterly Conference

- Sunday, January 22, 2023 after the morning service.
- All written reports are due to Pastor Curtis by January 16th.

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

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

Notes
