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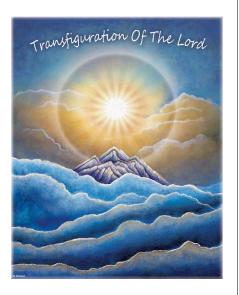
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February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday



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 17:1-9 (RSV)

- ¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.
- ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.
- ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."
- ⁵ He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
- ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe.
- ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."
- ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
- ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

*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

Let the church say, Amen. Let the church say, Amen. God has spoken. Let the church say, Amen.

*The Benediction

*The Three-Fold Amen

Amen, Amen, 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.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, February 22, 2023
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/.

Lent Worship Series at St. John

- All services will start at 6:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (Ash Wednesday)
 - o Wednesday, March 1, 2023
 - o Wednesday, March 8, 2023
 - Wednesday, March 15, 2023
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2023
 - o Wednesday, March 29, 2023
 - Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Maundy Thursday)

Friendship Sunday

- February 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- Please invite your family and friends to worship at St. John.
- Please see Pastor Curtis for invitation letters.
- This is our major event in the Winter to prepare for the annual Mid-Year Convocation.
- We are asking all members to donate \$200 in addition to your regular tithes and offerings.
- Thank you in advance for your support.

GCC University for Members and Leaders

- Sessions will be held on the following consecutive Sundays:
 - o February 26, 2023 3:00 − 7:00 p.m.
 - o March 5, 2023 3:00 7:00 p.m.
 - o March 12, 2023 3:00 7:00 p.m.
- Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Boulevard in Cleveland Heights.
- Training is free for GCC leaders.
- Light dinner will be provided during each training.
- Attendance at all three training sessions is required for participation.
- Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSd4pxR2ibty3DeG0Av1eN_Gi_hBblOrlHaeUfRmJ77Y-ZAuJQ/viewform

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