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February 26, 2023

**The First Sunday in Lent
Friendship 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

Romans 5:12-19 (RSV)

¹² Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned—

¹³ sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

¹⁷ If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men.

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

*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 Friendship Sunday Welcome

Tatiana DuBose

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

Amen, Amen, 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.

Today is Friendship Sunday

- Welcome and thank you for supporting St. John by your presence, prayers and gifts.
- 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.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

Lent Worship Series at St. John

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

GCC University for Members and Leaders

- Sessions will be held on the following consecutive Sundays:
 - February 26, 2023 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

