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March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent



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

Exodus 17:1-7 (RSV)

1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the Lord to the proof?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?"

4 So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*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

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.

Thank You Note

- Pastor Curtis and our church family, we thank you for your prayers, love, calls, monetary gifts and kindnesses in the loss of our loved one.
- “Good night, Harriette; we’ll see you in the morning.”
- The Skinner/Young Family.

Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, March 15, 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, March 15, 2023
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2023
 - Wednesday, March 29, 2023
 - Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Maundy Thursday)

Good Friday Seven Last Words Services

- Friday, April 7, 2023
- St. John AME Church, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- St. Paul AME Church, 7:00 p.m.
 - 4118 Brookside Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44135
 - Pastor Curtis will preach one of the words.

GCC’s Delegate Assembly

- Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom here:
- **Register at the link below:**
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlfu2urzorHt2Qdga0uj4luffxasHfA4u>
- All are welcome to participate in the assembly!

May 2nd Primary Election

- Registration closes on Monday, April 3rd at 9:00 p.m.
- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections contact information:
 - 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115
 - Registration Department: (216) 443-3298
 - Website: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/>
- All Ohio voters may obtain information at the Secretary of State’s website: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/>

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

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