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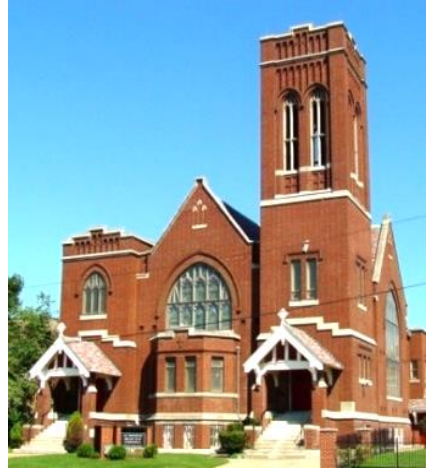
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**April 16, 2023**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**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**

## 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

Acts 2:22-32 (RSV)

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—  
<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

<sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

<sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,

<sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

### \*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.***

## The Sacrament of Baptism for Jamarion C. Gooden

The Baptismal 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.*

The Baptismal Ritual

# 801 AME Hymnal

## 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, April 19, 2023
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/>.

### 2023 Metro Health Men's Minority Health Fair

- Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Free health screenings will be conducted at three locations.
  - 2500 Metro Health Drive, Cleveland (Main Campus)
  - 10 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights
  - 4757 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland (Ohio City)

- To register call (216) 957-3862 or visit the website below:  
<https://www.metrohealth.org/mmhf>

**St. John’s Second Quarterly Conference**

- Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (in-person)
- All written reports are due to Pastor Curtis by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election**

- Early voting has begun and will run through April 30, 2023.
- Vote at the BOE, Monday– Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Vote by Mail requests must be made by April 25, 2023.
- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections contact information:
  - 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115
  - Phone: (216) 443-8683.
  - Website: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/>
- All Ohio voters may obtain information at the Secretary of State’s website: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/>

**ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

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

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