

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Order of Service

Gathering Song..... “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (*Hymnal*, #334)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirt, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Greeting **Vauné**

Call to Worship **Cynthia**

Leader: Holy God, we praise You for Your wisdom in gifting the church with pastors. We thank You for giving us a pastor after Your own heart.

People: **Thank You for our pastor.**

Leader: You know that in order for Your people to grow, they must be fed with knowledge and understanding.

People: **Thank You for our pastor, who feeds us.**

Leader: You gifted the Church with pastors to make us ready to do the work of the ministry, that the Church would know the truth concerning our faith in Jesus Christ and that we might no longer be gullible concerning the strange teachings of this world.

People: **Thank You for our pastor.**

Leader: We thank You for our pastor, who labors in the Word of God to preach and teach—rightly dividing the Word of truth. Thank You for our pastor’s diligence in preaching and teaching the Word in season and out of season.

People: **Thank You for our pastor’s faithfulness to Your Word.**

Leader: We thank You for the time our pastor spends in prayer, seeking You for direction in guiding this flock.

People: **Thank You for a praying pastor.**

Leader: Lord, we thank You for our pastor, who possesses a pastor’s heart and is willing to comfort and willing to correct—a heart that is full of compassion.

People: **Thank You for a caring pastor.**

Leader: Truly the pastor’s work is great and many times is beyond our understanding, but You have told us in Your Word to honor those who work hard for You, giving spiritual guidance to Your people. Help us to acknowledge, appreciate, respect, and overwhelm our pastor with love for the sake of Kingdom building.

Together: **Thank You for the privilege of loving our pastor.**

Hymn of Praise **“Blessed Assurance”**
(sing along with Cece Winans)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance *(Unison)*

Merciful God, we know that we are sinners saved by grace alone. We understand that we often take so much for granted: you and your grace, things we enjoy and people you put in our lives. Forgive us our sins of commission and omission and help us to show our gratitude, especially for those persons who help us in our daily walk with you like our Pastor. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer *(Recite in unison)*

The Invocation..... **Mr. Gregg**

Song of Meditation — “It Is Well With My Soul” *(Morgan State University Choir, Director. Dr. Nathan Carter)*

The Prayer of Illumination *(Unison)*

Today as we read and hear the words from scriptures that have given our Pastor strength to run this race fill us with your spirit. Open our ears to hear a word from you, our hearts to accept a word from you, and our minds to encounter you again. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1 **Jaden**
(*Psalm 27, Common English Bible*)

27 The LORD is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The LORD is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything? ² When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up— it's they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall! ³ If an army camps against me, my heart won't be afraid. If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this: ⁴ I have asked one thing from the LORD — it's all I seek: to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life, seeing the LORD's beauty and constantly adoring his temple. ⁵ Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent — sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the LORD. ⁷ LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out — have mercy on me and answer me!
⁸ Come, my heart says, seek God's face. LORD, I do seek your face! Please don't hide it from me! Don't push your servant aside angrily — you have been my help! God who saves me, don't neglect me! Don't leave me all alone! ¹⁰ Even if my father and mother left me all alone, the LORD would take me in. ¹¹ LORD, teach me your way; because of my opponents, lead me on a good path. ¹² Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies, because false witnesses and violent accusers have taken their stand against me. ¹³ But I have sure faith that I will experience the LORD's goodness in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Hope in the LORD! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the LORD!

Scripture Reading #2 **Venita**
(*John 3:16–18, Common English Bible*)

¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

Scripture Reading #3 **Andrea**
(*Romans 8:37–39, Common English Bible*)

³⁷ But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. ³⁸ I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers ³⁹ or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*recite in unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed” (*recite in unison*)

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (*Recite in unison*)

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.**

Hymn of Preparation — “Order My Steps” (*GMWA Women of Worship*)

Inspirational Message.....**Sister Jaime**

***“If It Ain’t One Thing;
It’s the Same Thing!”***

A Message Inspired by Pastor Matthews’ Father

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Words of Encouragement, Thanks, and Love for Our Pastor

Invitation / Altar Call

Selection — “God Is” (*Rev. James Cleveland*)

Presentation of Congregational Gift

Announcements

Benediction

Selection — “Amen” (*Rev. Marvin Winans*)

Announcements

Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



Wednesdays (7:15 p.m.) — Wednesday Night Experience. Call-in Information: **712-770-4010 (Access code: 331960)**

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Sunday, October 18th — 130th Church Anniversary. Speaker will be **Rev. George F. DeFord**. Sacrificial donation of \$1.00 for each year.

Sunday, October 25th — Laity Sunday.

Monday, October 26th (6:30–7:30 p.m.) — Church Conference Cluster. Zoom information forthcoming.

Sunday, November 1, 2020 — All Saints Sunday

130th Anniversary Shirts — Sizes: Small to XL = \$15; 2X = \$17; 3X = \$19. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Millicent at the church email.

Note from Finance: First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church, place in the mailbox (Cynthia and David Burley check it regularly) **(This will save you postage)**
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarks/md>)
4. Reach out to member of finance, they will try to accommodate you.

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.



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Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), reveugene@comcast.net)

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