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Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

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*Condolence to Sister LaAngel Hall and family in the passing of her Stepmother, **Mary Taylor** who was funeralized on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in North Carolina*

Larry Powell, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom); Hayden Harris (Gemma’s cousin), Floyd Hughes Sr., Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Marvin Hebron, Shelford Henry, Francis Desouza (Gemma’s son), Eric Smith, Brian Bailey, Nena Hughes, Gloria Thomas, Jeanette Reeves, Rev. George F. DeFord, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone / Pat Mundell, Joan Moore, Ernestine Gibson, Mildred Awkward, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Nancy Daniels, Hannah Polk

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## *St. Mark’s United Methodist Church*

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*“We come together at St. Mark’s to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world.”*

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***Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling***

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*District Superintendent  
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*Sunday, November 14, 2021*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

## *Order of Service*

*Ushers: Elaine Harvey and Joseph Daniels*

*Sister Cynthia Augustus, Worship Leader*

**Prelude** ..... **Brother Henry Tindal**

**Lighting of the Candles** ..... **Usher**

**Gathering Song**..... **St. Mark's Choir/Congregation**

### *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

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 Spirit, 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/Call to Worship** ..... **Sister Cynthia Augustus**

**Leader:** O God, you are the one who leads us.

**People:** **Lead us, O God.**

**Leader:** God, you are the one who blesses us.

**People:** **Bless us, O God.**

**Leader:** God, you are the one who lifts us when we fall.

**People:** **Lifts us, O God.**

**Leader:** God, you are the one we praise and worship.

**All:** **We praise you, O God, come let us worship you.**

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — Men's Bible Study.  
**Session 7: Survey of Various Letters.** Zoom information/call in: [Click Here To Join Zoom Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876087048?pwd=K201NEwzWmplMFZMenVqTnJlL0d0QT09). Copy and paste into your browser if the link above does not work:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876087048?pwd=K201NEwzWmplMFZMenVqTnJlL0d0QT09>; **Meeting ID:** 848 7608 7048,  
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**Wednesday Night Experience** (7:00 p.m.) — This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room.  
**Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960**

**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir Rehearsal.** We are looking for women to please come out to choir rehearsal this week to participate in the Women's Day choir.

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** (10:00–11:30 a.m.) — The Laurel Police will conduct a **CLEAN\_UP** effort in the vicinity of St. Mark's property. Containers/bags, etc. will be provided. Take a little time out of your day and be a part of this initiative.

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** (morning service) — **Annual Women's Day** — **"Women of God — This Is Our Time"**. Our guest preacher for the morning will be Rev. Vera Mitchell. If you are willing and able a \$100 sacrificial offering is being asked from the women and \$50 from the men.

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** (3:00 p.m.) — Rev. Matthews will be the guest pastor for **Mt. Gregory UMC's 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. A meal will be served 1:00–2:30 p.m. The church address: 2325 Rte. #97, Cooksville, MD.

**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 and place it in church mailbox
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>)

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

## Keep watch!

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said, “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ They will deceive many people. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn’t the end yet. <sup>8</sup> Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

## The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (Hymnal, #71)

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..... St. Mark’s Choir

Inspirational Message..... Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

## “The All-Sufficient Sacrifice of Jesus Christ”

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Acknowledgement of Visitors / Announcements

Benediction

## Announcements

**Pastor’s Hrs.** — Tuesday and Thursday (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

**Millicent Hrs.** — Tuesday and Thursday (10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

## 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.

“A FRESH START (NOW)” —We desire to have many members as possible active in all the various areas of Ministry.



Hymn of Praise.....St. Mark’s Choir/Congregation  
“Come Let Us Worship the Lord”

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*In Unison*)

Lord of all, we become so focused on ourselves sometimes that we do not see the beauty and hope in front of us. We all face certain hardships in our lives, and we don’t always ask for help or guidance from you, Immanuel, God with us. Help us in our hardship and selfish ways, O God, as only you can remind us that we are not alone in our fear or frustration, because you are our continued help and stronghold. Help us to receive your love and grace. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung*)

The Invocation.....Sister Cynthia Augustus

Song of Meditation ..... St. Mark’s Choir

The Prayer of Illumination (*In Unison*)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the scriptures are read, and the WORD is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts and let all else slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Scripture Reading #1 .....Sister Cynthia Augustus

(1 Samuel 1:4–20), *Common English Bible*)

<sup>4</sup> Whenever he sacrificed, Elkanah would give parts of the sacrifice to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup> But he would give only one part of it to Hannah, though he loved her, because the Lord had kept her from conceiving. <sup>6</sup> And because the Lord had kept Hannah from conceiving, her rival would make fun of her mercilessly, just to bother her. <sup>7</sup> So that is what took place year after year. Whenever Hannah went to the Lord’s house, Peninnah would make fun of her. Then she would cry and wouldn’t eat anything.

<sup>8</sup> “Hannah, why are you crying?” her husband Elkanah would say to her. “Why won’t you eat? Why are you so sad? Aren’t I worth more to you than ten sons?”

<sup>9</sup> One time, after eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up and presented herself before the Lord. (Now Eli the priest was sitting in the chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s temple.) <sup>10</sup> Hannah was very upset and couldn’t stop crying as she prayed to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Then

she made this promise: “Lord of heavenly forces, just look at your servant’s pain and remember me! Don’t forget your servant! Give her a boy! Then I’ll give him to the Lord for his entire life. No razor will ever touch his head.”

<sup>12</sup> As she kept praying before the Lord, Eli watched her mouth.

<sup>13</sup> Now Hannah was praying in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was silent, so Eli thought she was drunk.

<sup>14</sup> “How long will you act like a drunk? Sober up!” Eli told her.

<sup>15</sup> “No sir!” Hannah replied. “I’m just a very sad woman. I haven’t had any wine or beer but have been pouring out my heart to the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Don’t think your servant is some good-for-nothing woman. This whole time I’ve been praying out of my great worry and trouble!”

<sup>17</sup> Eli responded, “Then go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you’ve asked from him.”

<sup>18</sup> “Please think well of me, your servant,” Hannah said. Then the woman went on her way, ate some food, and wasn’t sad any longer.

<sup>19</sup> They got up early the next morning and worshipped the Lord. Then they went back home to Ramah. Elkanah had sex with his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means “I asked the Lord for him.”

**Scripture Reading #2** ..... **Sister Cynthia Augustus**  
*(Hebrews 10:11–25, Common English Bible)*

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup> But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. <sup>13</sup> Since then, he’s waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, <sup>14</sup> because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

<sup>16</sup> *This is the covenant that I will make with them.  
After these days, says the Lord,  
I will place my laws in their hearts  
and write them on their minds.*

<sup>17</sup> *And I won’t remember their sins  
and their lawless behavior anymore.*

<sup>18</sup> When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

### **Second summary of the message**

<sup>19</sup> Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus’ blood, <sup>20</sup> through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, <sup>21</sup> and we have a great high priest over God’s house.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore, let’s draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup> Let’s hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

**Selection** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

**Special Presentation** ..... **Sister Jaime Coffen**

**Blessing of the Offering** ..... **Sister Cynthia Augustus**  
**Offertory**

**Scripture Reading #3** ..... **Sister Cynthia Augustus**  
*(Mark 13:1–8, Common English Bible)*

### **The temple’s fate**

<sup>13</sup> As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!”

<sup>2</sup> Jesus responded, “Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?”