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Equipping disciples to transform the world"*

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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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Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost



 *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* 
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Order of Service

Sister LáAngel Hall, Worship Leader

Prelude **Brother Fernando G. Allen, Sr.**

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 LáAngel Hall**

Leader: God is our leader.

People: Let us focus and follow our leader closely.

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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, October 28th (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir Rehearsal**

Sunday, October 31st (10:00 a.m.) — **Youth, Young Adults, Sweatshirts and Jersey Sunday.** Service will be led by the youth. Our morning messenger will be **Min. Brian Bailey**, Kettering Baptist Church Legacy Center. Also, members of the Laurel City Police Department will be worshipping with us.

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/stmarkslmd>)

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

Hymn of Preparation..... St. Mark's Choir

Inspirational Message.....Min. Nena Hughes

"Letting All Our Lights Shine"

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection

Announcements

Benediction

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

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Special thanks to St. Mark's family for the marvelous Pastor's Appreciation celebration under the leadership of the SPRC, headed by Sister Jaime Coffen. Much appreciation for the words shared during worship, also the many cards, plants, gift cards and especially the goodies. I count it a privilege to serve such a warm and friendly congregation.

Be Blessed!

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.

Today, Sunday, October 24th (following service) — **Meeting of all ushers**

Tuesday, October 26th (7:00 p.m.) — Men's Bible Study.

Session 4: Survey of the Books of Prophecy.

Zoom information/call in: [Click Here To Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Leader: God wants us to let go of the past.

People: Let's stop being stubborn and set in our ways.

Leader: God has a new path for us to travel.

People: May we let go of the old and embrace the new.

All: Together, when we follow God, we have nothing to fear. We praise our God, our leader.

Hymn of Praise.....St. Mark's Choir/Congregation

"My Hope Is Built"

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

God, I stand before you equipped for every good work and not working. I haven't responded to itching ears about your sound doctrine. I haven't told your truth or shared your word, and I have allowed your people to wander away. Forgive, me Lord for my idleness. Now, right, now, I turn back to you and will speak your word of love, hope, and faith as I work in ministry fully to glorify your name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

The Invocation.....**Sister LáAngel Hall**
Song of Meditation..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1 **Brother Anthony Latney**
(*Job 42:1–6, 10–17, Common English Bible*)

Job’s second response

42 Job answered the Lord: ² I know you can do anything; no plan of yours can be opposed successfully. ³ You said, “Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?” I have indeed spoken about things I didn’t understand, wonders beyond my comprehension. ⁴ You said, “Listen and I will speak; I will question you and you will inform me.” ⁵ My ears had heard about you, but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore, I relent and find comfort on dust and ashes.

¹⁰ Then the Lord changed Job’s fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord doubled all Job’s earlier possessions. ¹¹ All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah and a gold ring. ¹² Then the Lord blessed Job’s latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named one Jemimah, a second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. ¹⁷ Then Job died, old and satisfied.

Scripture Reading #2 **Brother Anthony Latney**
(*Hebrews 7:23–28, Common English Bible*)

²³ The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. ²⁴ In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve

forever. ²⁵ This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them.

²⁶ It’s appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. ²⁷ He doesn’t need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Selection **St. Mark’s Choir**

Blessing of the Offering **Sister LáAngel Hall**
Offertory

Scripture Reading #3 **Brother Anthony Latney**
(*Mark 10:46–52, Common English Bible*)

Healing of blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶ Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus’ son, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.” They called the blind man, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

⁵² Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

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.**