

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Israelites got tired of waiting for Moses and asked Aaron to make an idol for them.

P: *Lord, let us always remember that the worship of idols of any form is sinful in your sight.*

L: The rich man who came to Jesus wanted to know what to do to inherit eternal life.

P: *Loving God, point out any idol in disguise in our lives and grant us courage to remove it.*

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

103

"Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

*Affirmation from 1st Timothy

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

419

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

"Idolatry in Disguise"

*CLOSING HYMN

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, October 19, 2024

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2024

Birthdays

14 John Reef, Sr.
15 Alton Currence
20 Colton Thress



Anniversaries

16 Jerry & Heidi Raymond
31 Dan & Diane Cochran



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (October 13, 2024 – October 19, 2024):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday October 13

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 4:15-24; Reflection Verses: Deuteronomy 4:23-24

“Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Is there anything that represents an idol in my life? How can I guard against idolatry?

Monday October 14

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14; Reflection Verses: Exodus 32:3-4

“So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did the Israelites disobey God by asking Aaron to make an idol for them?

Tuesday October 15

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:19-26; Reflection Verse: Exodus 32:21

“He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we be careful not to be led to sin by our spiritual and secular leaders?

Wednesday October 16

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 11:1-13; Reflection Verse: 1 Kings 11:4

“As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will be careful not to allow my family or friends to entice me to sin.

Thursday October 17

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:13-30; Reflection Verse: Daniel 3:18

“But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we display courage of our conviction by refusing to bow to idols?

Friday October 18

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-30; Reflection Verses: Acts 17:16-17

“While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Are we distressed when we see others embrace worship of modern day idols?

Saturday October 19

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-14; Reflection Verses: 1 Corinthians 10:14-15

“Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will flee from idolatry out of reverence and love for God.

Exodus 20:1-17

New International Version

The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Mark 10:17-31

New International Version

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'^[a]"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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***Affirmation from 1st Timothy**

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Leader:

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,

Who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,

and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,

seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

The Breakthrough Prayer

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN.