

# Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Pastor 'Debo

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus tells us that in the Kingdom of God, whoever desires to be great must be the servant of all.

**P: Lord Jesus, grant us grace to serve others in your name as true disciples.**

L: James and his brother John selfishly asked to sit at the right and left side of Jesus in His glory.

**P: Lord, teach us to embrace selfless service as the pathway to greatness in God's Kingdom.**

**\*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

# 417

*"O For a Heart to Praise My God"*

**\*Affirmation from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy**

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# 889

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:1-11

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

Pastor 'Debo

**HYMN**

*"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"*

# 589

**(Tune: Wareham)**

**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"*

# 95

**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 10:35-45

**MESSAGE**

Pastor 'Debo

*"Serving Others – Pathway to Greatness"*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

# 438

*"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"*

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Week At A Glance:

### Sunday, October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

### Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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

### Saturday, October 26, 2024

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

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## CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2024

### Birthdays

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



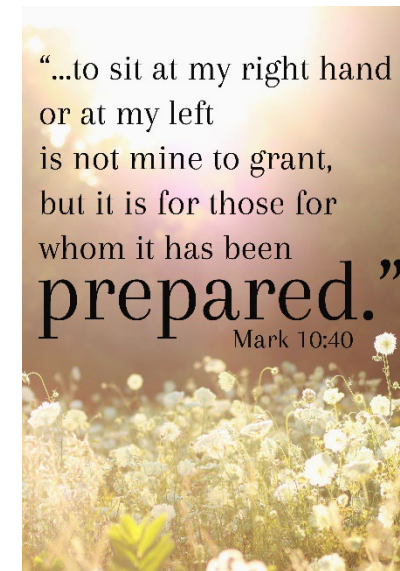
### Anniversaries

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



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: (Mon-Fri) 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo  
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Pastor's email: [aaonabanjo@yahoo.com](mailto:aaonabanjo@yahoo.com)  
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## **Philippians 2:1-11**

### **Imitating Christ's Humility**

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Mark 10:35-45**

### **The Request of James and John**

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

<sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

<sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

<sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (October 20, 2024 – October 26, 2024):**

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

### **Sunday October 20**

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:20-28; Reflection Verses: Matthew 20:26-28

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we follow the example of Jesus when it comes to serving others?

### **Monday October 21**

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45; Reflection Verses: Mark 10:35-37

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Reflection Question/Action for the Day: If you had a chance to ask Jesus for one thing, what would you ask?

### **Tuesday October 22**

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17; Reflection Verses: John 13:15-17

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you following the example of Jesus by serving others?

### **Wednesday October 23**

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:7

“... if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will look for an opportunity to serve someone today in the name of Jesus.

### **Thursday October 24**

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:11

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where can you serve the Lord with zeal today? Who will you invite to join you?

### **Friday October 25**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Reflection Verses: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: In what ways has the Spirit set up believers to serve one another and the world?

### **Saturday October 26**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11; Reflection Verse: Philippians 2:5

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you have the same mindset as Christ Jesus? (see **Matthew 20:25-28 & John 13:12-17**)



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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.**