

WE COME INTO THIS HOUSE TO WORSHIP HIM

Order of Service
Sunday, November 15, 2020

Call to Worship
Song Leader
Meditation/Scripture
Prayer
Sermon
Communion
Offering/Announcements
Benediction
Response Facilitator

Morning
Frank Barnes
Gregory Shields
Donald Nelson
Donald Nelson
Terrance McClain
Raymond Knight
Frank Barnes
Amos Hicks
Freddie Gibson

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Prayer List: family of our beloved brother Albert Wood Jr., Kelynn Brewer & family on the loss of her mother-in-law, Pamela Eley & family on the loss of her great uncle (Frank West), Gail Evans & family on the loss of her uncle (William Lynard), Alycia Shields & family, Michael Edmondson, Sandra Lawrence & family (daughters Lovey Eaton: 376-8693, 16132 Cleviden Rd. E. Cleveland, Oh, 44112 & Sandy Pollard), Sonseeahray Stewart, Terrance & Linda McClain, Charles Draper & family, Sabrina Evans & family, George McCall, Jill King & family, Anthony Slade & family, Emma Brown, daughter (Vonita Brown) grandson (Douglas Brown) & great grandsons (Damarien Brown & Tallis Moorer), Linda Knight, Brenda Taylor-Hines & Yvonne Taylor & family, Robert Cottingham & family, Clyde Gholston's sister (Thomasene Maddox), Briana Warner & family, Morris & Deborah Jordan & family, Ola Owsley, Maxine Shell, Renee Peavey & her daughter (Curnesha Daniely), Doris Smith, Nicole Byrd, Sharon Foster, Edward & Betty Harden & family, Willie Blackwell Sr. & family, Mildred Jones-Brown & nephew (Cedric Finley), Cornelia Swing & family, Hatcher family, Marilyn Steward, Harold Martin, Devon Montgomery & family, Sheree Warner & family, Julia Hicks, Amos Hicks, Theresa Brown & family, Diane Patterson, Mary Eley & family, Mary Brown, Phyllis DuVall, Donell Nelson, Andrea Williams, Ruth Wade's mother (Dollie B. Smith) & sister (Hattie Bridges), Kyarra Winfree, Carlton Pope, Manuel Beeman & family, Robert Jackson & family, Clarence Edmondson & family, Denise Draper & father (James Lacy), Peggy Jackson & family, Nate & Marva Wright & family, Gerald Anderson & family, Murphy family, Beverly Hood & family, Kathy Pope, Pamela Eley's niece (Asionna Eley), Martha Burston's granddaughter (Ashlei' Warren), Patricia Gaines & family, Deborah Gibson & family, and Louise Huling.

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November 15, 2020

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Message from the Minister "It Came to Pass"

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine" (Matt. 7:28)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Truly God has blessed us all to remain among the land of the living, for which we should be grateful! We are living in turbulent times and uncertainty appears to be the common experience of many. Is there any hope? One of the apostle Matthew's favorite expressions in his gospel account is "And it came to pass..." (Matt. 7:28; 9:10; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1). Surely a part of the reason for its use is only to reflect the personality of the author and the style of his writing; but it also impresses upon us, in a very subtle way, a profound truth: The discomfiting things of this life are temporary. They do not last. They were not intended to last. "They came to pass."

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<p>WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?</p> <p>HEAR: Acts 15:7 BELIEVE: Mark 16:15-16 REPENT: Acts 17:30 CONFESS: Romans 10:9-10 BE BAPTIZED: Acts 2:38</p>	<p>Weekly Calendar*</p> <p><u>Sunday*</u> Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday*</u> General Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>*See page 3 regarding phone & online access.</p>	<p>WHAT MUST I DO TO KEEP FROM FALLING?</p> <p>READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY 2 Timothy 2:15</p> <p>ADD CHRISTIAN GRACE 2 Peter 1:5-11</p> <p>ATTEND SERVICE Hebrews 10:25</p>
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Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guest. It is our sincere hope that you will be spiritually edified by the worship service today. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about our worship services.

Message from the Minister

“It Came to Pass”

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Fear does not last. We live in an age of fear. It is devastating. It is debilitating. It robs us of our strength.

It comes suddenly; but it can leave just as suddenly. One moment we can be paralyzed with fear; and the next we can realize that our painful uncertainty was unfounded. It is natural to be afraid.

None of us is free from some secret fears; but it does not need to last. Love cast it out (1 John 4:18).

Faith also dispels it. Jesus said to Jarius, “**Be not afraid, only believe**” (Mark 5:36). When His disciples were so scared because of a raging storm, He asked, “**Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?**” (Mark 4:40). And His message to them, over and over again was, “Fear not.”

So, with trusting faith in Jesus, your fears will soon be gone.

Pain does not last. The body adjusts. Welcome relief does come; but we must give it time to pass. We all have some pain, for pain ranges from a distressing uneasiness of the mind to the throes of childbirth. Yours may be sudden and sharp or dull and aching; but with God’s help you can find relief. Remember that Paul was in pain as he struggled with his thorn in the flesh; but God’s grace gave him strength to endure which led very soon to his rejoicing (2 Cor. 12:7-10).

Sorrow and grief do not last. Oh, how hard they strike at first! When we have just lost a loved one or suffered some severe disappointment, we think the hurt will never go away; but it does. Slowly we adjust to the loss. Our world goes on. We put our life back together; and while we think often of the loved one we have lost, the deep mental suffering of bereavement is not the same. This is the way it is supposed to be. We never want to forget the ones we have lost; but the human spirit cannot endure the poignant sorrow of grief too long. It is God’s will that it be allowed to pass. The psalmist said, “**weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning**” (Psalms 30:5). We must allow it to happen that way.

Earthly trials do not last. How thankful we should be for that! They seem so severe. Our hearts cry for release. We search for understanding of why it is happening to us but so rapidly, they are only a memory. They even leave us blessed beyond measure. As Paul said, “**For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**” (2 Cor. 4:17).

Someone has pictured these as being some of the most comforting words in the Bible. Whatever the trial, whatever the sorrow, “it came to pass.” It did not come to stay. It is God’s design that all these discomforts will soon be gone; but Jesus will be with us always (Matt. 28:20). Let us rejoice!

As we continue to focus on our **Mission and Vision**, which is to be “**a New Testament church seeking to evangelize, starting with the central core of Greater Cleveland. We will use our unique gifts and opportunities to engage with the community to bring souls to Jesus, develop and equip them for a 21st century ministry.**”

We will be a “**church that shines,**” modeling 1st century Christianity that transforms a 21st century world! Why? Because the trials of this life “**came to pass!**” Until next week, remember that God loves you, Jesus died for you, I love you and I am your servant for Jesus’ sake!

Yours because of Calvary,
Terrance R. McClain, PhD

Today’s Meditation

Romans 13:1-6(KJV)

LEADER: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

CONGREGATION: Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

LEADER: For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

CONGREGATION: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

LEADER: Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

TOGETHER: For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

To access Sunday morning worship (11:00am) and Wednesday evening Bible study (7pm):

- 1) Tune into FACEBOOK live stream at **Terrance Richard McClain**
- 2) Via teleconference:
Dial 1-717-275-8940 or 1-712- 832-8330 Access code 244-4066.
- 3) The worship service is also be available on WWW.YOUTUBE.COM (after 2pm)
Search: **University Church of Christ Cleveland**

You can drop by the church building and pick up your communion set, bulletin and drop off your contribution Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please call the church office at (216) 421-0233 if you have any questions.

- ◆ **Remember to call or email the church office if you’d like to access our Thursday 7pm Bible study via Zoom. Fall & Winter quarter books may be picked-up at the church building during office hours. To access this bible study via phone, dial 301-715-8592, ID: 83840201778, Passcode: 855448**
- ◆ **Our last 5th Sunday of 2020 is November 29th. Thank you for contributing towards this effort.**