

Order of Worship

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CENTERING SONG: This Is Holy Ground (We are Standing on Holy Ground)

WELCOME:

L: We welcome you to the Methodist Voices in Word and Song Television Ministry, being brought to you by the Jamaica Methodist District! We are delighted to have you tune in once more, as we share in worship together via the internet, cable television or otherwise. We invite you to take out your Bibles, Voices in Praise Hymnals and get ready to praise our forever Trustworthy God! May your hearts be richly blessed!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns forever!

R: **We come with our hearts and lips filled with praise for our Supreme King!**

L: We celebrate the grace, mercy and love that Christ lavishly offers to us!

R: **We humbly receive God's blessings and offer praise and glory unto Him; our King of kings and Lord of lords!**

TIME OF ADORATION – Led by the Praise Team

- We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise In The House Of The Lord
- He Never Fails Me Yet
- You Are Alpha and Omega

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” [# 22a VIP]

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| 1. Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of
turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy
compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou
forever will be. | 2. Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their
courses above
Join with all nature in manifold
witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love. |
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Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning ne
mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy
hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me!

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1961)

TIME OF CONFESSION:

L: Let us quiet our hearts before God, as we confess our sins to him in the stillness of this moment.

(A period of silence is observed for personal confessions)

L: Forgiving Messiah, we confess that we have often lost sight of who You are in our lives, and consequently, turn to the things and people of the world for solace; we have become susceptible to the distractions of this world that meet our temporary selfish desires, rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to be our guide and source of fulfilling our heart's desires. Forgive us, for when we create room in our lives, our families and the church, for the enemy to take residence and influence our thoughts and actions. Forgive us for those moments when we fail to trust You amid the challenges we encounter, and to anticipate with confidence that You will enable us to overcome and be victorious in the spiritual battles of this day.

R: **Cleansing God, release us from the chains of sin that hold us in spiritual captivity, so we will serve and trust you faithfully, today and beyond. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

L: We confess with our mouths. We believe in our hearts. We are forgiven and saved by God's amazing grace! We are restored and set free!

ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

– **Sis. Jodi-Kay Martin**

(Pembroke Hall Congregation & Lyndhurst Circuit)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 1: 15--20 – Sis. Arlene Lawrence

*(Saxthorpe Congregation,
Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM: 133 (VIP 649)

Led by Sis. Zoe Graham (East Kingston Circuit)

L ¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —let Israel now say—

R ²if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

L ³then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

R ⁴then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

L ⁵then over us would have gone the raging waters.

R ⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

L ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

R ⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

GLORIA PATRI:

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE: ROMANS 12:1-8 – Sis. Ruth-Anne Robinson *(Bethel Congregation Montego Bay/ Mt. Ward Circuit)*

Hymn: “Wonderful Words of Life. . .”

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| 1. Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their
beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty. | 2. Christ, the blessed One,
gives to all,
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list' to the loving call,
Wonderful Words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us
to heaven. |
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Refrain:
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
beautiful words,
wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

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| 3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to
all, Wonderful Words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify
us forever. |
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*Lyrics & Music by:
Philip P. Bliss (1838—1876)*

**GOSPEL: Matyu 16:13-20 (Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament)
St. Matthew 16:13-20 (The Jamaican New Testament)**

-- *Read by Pastor Sean A. Davis*

SERMON: -- Pastor Sean A. Davis

(Lay Youth Pastor, Mt. Fletcher Circuit)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Simply Trusting Every Day" [# 275 VIP]

1. Simply trusting every day
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.
3. Singing, if my way be clear;
Praying, if the path be drear;
If in danger, for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.
4. Trusting Him while life will last,
Trusting Him till earth be past,
Till within the jasper wall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.
2. Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine:
While He leads I cannot fall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

***Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by,
Trusting Him whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.***

Edgar P. Stites (1836-1931)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

-- Sis. Camielle Michael-Patterson

TIME OF INTERCESSION:

-- Sis. Camielle Michael-Patterson

- L** Faithful God, we lift to You, those who are experiencing loneliness, emptiness and various voids in their lives in this season.
- R** **May they be reminded that our God never leaves nor forsakes His own.**
- L** Journeying God, we remember those who have met upon blockades during their quest to add value to their lives, to pursue their dreams and to achieve self-fulfilment.
- R** **May they be reminded that You are in control, and their future in You is secure.**
- L** We bring before you the nation of Jamaica, even as we have nominated candidates for our upcoming general elections, which are being held amid the global pandemic.
- R** **May we trust You today, as the God who sustained us in the past, who is sustaining us today and will sustain us tomorrow, as the scenes of this life unfold. AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN: "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"
[# 245 VIP, VERSES 1, 5 & 6]**

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.
5. O make but trial of His love;
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.
6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight;
He'll make Your wants His care.

*Nahum Tate (1652—1715 and
Nicholas Brady (1659—1726)*

BENEDICTION

-- Pastor Sean A. Davis

The Lord bless you, and keep you, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face towards you, and give you peace. **Amen.**



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Sunday, August 23, 2020

DIVINE WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Sean A. Davis
(Lay Youth Pastor, Mt. Fletcher Circuit)

Worship Leader: Sis. Camielle Michael-Patterson
(Coke Congregation, Coke Circuit)

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Bro. Donovan Rookwood
(Gordon Town Congregation, Providence Circuit)

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Pastor Sean Davis *(Mt. Fletcher Circuit)*
Sis. Zoe Graham *(East Kingston Circuit)*
Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler *(Grateful Hill Circuit)*
Sis. Ruth-Anne Robinson *(Montego Bay/Mt. Ward Circuit)*

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*A blessed welcome to all worshippers on
this beautiful Lord's Day!*