**Order of Worship**

**Song of Preparation: “We Have Come Into His House...”**

**Call to Worship:**

L: The Lord is calling.

**ALL:**  **After all we have sinned, he still calls us?**

L: The Lord has forgiven us.

**ALL:** After all we have been forgiven; he has more grace to share?

L: The Lord is healing us.

**ALL:** Let us come together to become God's people in prayer and praise this day

**Hymn “All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord. . .” [# 402 VIP, vs: 1,2,5 & 6]**

1. ALL praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face.
2. He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope
We hand in hand go on.
3. We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.
4. And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!

**Charles Wesley (1707—1788)**

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

L: Liberating God, we worship you.  We praise you for freeing your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways that must have been like an impossible dream coming true.  Through these acts you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world.  We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace was revealed in Jesus Christ.  He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross.  The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all.  We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully.  This we pray in Jesus’ name.  **Amen.**

**ALL: *(Sing) “Search me, O God”***

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today*

*Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray
See if there be some wicked way in me
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL:** **God of mercy, God of grace, we acknowledge that yours is a love which freely gives without any strings attached: An unconditional love. Jesus tells us that those who wish to be his disciples they are to place no limits, no conditions on their mercy or their love. This is Forgiveness without limits.
Jesus indicates that when we refuse to forgive those in our debt, we hinder the gift of God’s grace and forgiveness from entering our own lives.**

**God of mercy, God of grace, we confess that we forget to love and serve you as we ought, as people made in your image and likeness. Touch hardened hearts with your goodness, we pray, and remind us that forgiveness is one of the most precious gifts that we can offer one another. This we pray in Jesus’ name.  Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: We rejoice because of God’s great gift of love to the world - Jesus Christ - who came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  Those who believe in him are not condemned. (*based on John 3: 17, 18)*

R: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L:Thank you God for giving us another day, another chance to become better individuals, another chance to give and experience your great love. Thank you God for giving us health, for the food you provide, for the awareness you have awaken in us. Thank you for the energy that feeds our souls, the sun that warms our bodies and the air that fills our lungs. God, show us how to love ourselves, to be able to love others. Help us become the type of person that we would like to befriend and make us channels of your energy. We thank you God for giving us another day, another unused opportunity to do it right. Keep us all close to you and listen to our prayers. **Amen.**

**Praise Time: – Praise Leader, Sis. Cassie-Ann King**

**Children’s Ministry: – Sis. Shantae Ximines**

 **Hymn “Jesus Bids Us Shine**”

1. Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it if our light is dim;
He looks down from heaven, sees us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound -
Sin, and want, and sorrow: we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.
4. Jesus bids us shine, as we work for Him,
Bringing those that wander from the paths of sin;
He will ever help us, if we shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

**Ministry of The Word**

**Collect:**

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  **Amen.**

**Old Testament: Exodus 14:19–31 – Sis. Cassie-Ann King**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 114 [VIP 633]**

*Led by* **– Sis. Nicole Cobrand**

L: **1**When Israel went out from Egypt,
    the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**R:** **2Judah became God’s[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20114&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-15825a)**] sanctuary,
    Israel his dominion.**

L: **3**The sea looked and fled;
    Jordan turned back.

**R:** **4The mountains skipped like rams,
    the hills like lambs.**

L: **5**Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
    O Jordan, that you turn back?

**R:** **6O mountains, that you skip like rams?
    O hills, like lambs?**

L: **7**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
    at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**R:** **8who turns the rock into a pool of water,
    the flint into a spring of water. *Gloria Patri***

**Epistle: Romans *14: 1 – 12* – Sis. Andrea Campbell**

**Gospel: St. *Matthew 18: 21 – 35*  – Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler**

**Hymn “Amazing Grace**. . .” **[# 162 VIP, vs 1, 2 & 6]**

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

**John Newton (1725—1807)**

**Sermon**:*–* **Rev’d Audrey Knott**

 **Hymn “What A Fellowship Divine**. . .” **[# 211 VIP]**

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:**

***Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

1. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessèd peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

***Elisha A. Hoffman* (1839-1929)**

**Announcements & Offertory**

**Receiving & Dedication Of Tithes & Offering - Bro Ray Howell**

**Hymn “Kum Ba Ya, My Lord, Kum Ba Ya**.” **[# 283 VIP]**

1. KUM ba ya, my Lord,
 kum ba ya!
KUM ba ya, my Lord,
 kum ba ya! KUM ba ya, my Lord,
 kum ba ya! O Lord, kum ba ya!
2. Someone's crying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!
Someone's crying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!
Someone's crying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!O Lord, kum ba ya!
3. Someone's praying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!
Someone's praying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!
Someone's praying, Lord,
 kum ba ya!
O Lord, kum ba ya!
4. Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba ya!
Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba ya!
Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba ya!O Lord, kum ba ya!

***Anonymous***

**Prayers of Intercession: – (Please see Insert)**

**L**:The Lord be with you

**R: And also with you.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn “Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us. . .**” **[# 331 VIP, vs: 1 & 3]**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee,
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.
2. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

**James Edmeston (1791—1867)**

**Benediction**

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus, Show forgiveness to one another as in Christ you have been shown forgiveness. And may the power of God save you from all danger. May the mercy of Jesus Christ fill you with love. And may the Holy Spirit uphold you and direct you day by day. both now and forevermore. **Amen**





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**Organist: Bro: Donovan Rookwood**

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**Sis. Janice Pinnock**

**Sis. Nadine Ivey**

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**District Secretary**: Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*