

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]

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| 1. ALL praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face. | 5. We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable. |
| 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. | 6. 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 awoken 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”

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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: ¹When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- R: ²**Judah became God's^{al} sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.**
- L: ³The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
- R: ⁴**The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.**
- L: ⁵Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
- R: ⁶**O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?**
- L: ⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

R: ⁸ who 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]

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| 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. | 6. 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. |
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John Newton (1725—1807)

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.

SERMON: – Rev'd Audrey Knott

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

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| 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. | 2. 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. |
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Refrain:

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

3. What have I to dread, what
have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting
arms?
I have blessed 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]

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| 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! | 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! |
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

L: The Lord be with you
R: And also with you.

– (Please see Insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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| 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. | 3. 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. |
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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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JAMAICA DISTRICT

District Theme:

*Spreading scriptural holiness to reform the nation...
beginning with me*

METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY



15th Lord's Day After Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020

DIVINE WORSHIP

PARTICIPATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Audrey Knott

Liturgist: Bro Ray Howell

Organist: Bro: Donovan Rookwood

Choristers: Sis. Cassie-Ann King
Sis. Janice Pinnpck
Sis. Nadine Ivey
Sis. Nicole Cobrand
Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler

Praise Leader: Sis. Cassie-Ann King

District Bishop: Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche

District Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!