**Order of Worship**

**Welcome:**

**L:** Welcome to another Worship Experience with Methodist Voices in Word and Song Television Ministry. We ae so happy you could join us. Today we have sharing, members of the Rookwood family of the Gordon Town Methodist Congregation in the Providence Circuit.

Today in Family Worship Service, please have your bibles and hymn books ready. May your time with us be a blessing!

**Song of Preparation: “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”**

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,   
   The holy One, is here;  
   Come bow before him now With reverence and fear  
   In him no sin is found   
   We stand on holy ground.  
   Be still, for the presence of the Lord,   
   The holy One, is here.

1. Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around;  
   He burns with holy fire,   
   With splendour he is crowned:

How awesome is the sight Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.

1. Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place:  
   He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister his grace -  
   No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.  
   Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.

**Call to Worship: -**

L The Lord reigns

R **Let the earth rejoice**

L Our God reigns

R **We shall be glad and wait for His Word**

**Hymn “Come Christians Join to Sing...”**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing   
   Alleluia! Amen!   
   Loud praise to Christ our King;   
   Alleluia! Amen!   
   Let all, with heart and voice,   
   Before His throne rejoice;   
   Praise is His gracious choice.   
   Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,   
   Alleluia! Amen!   
   Let praises fill the sky;   
   Alleluia! Amen!

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He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end.   
Alleluia! Amen!

1. Praise yet our Christ again,   
   Alleluia! Amen!   
   Life shall not end the strain;   
   Alleluia! Amen!   
   On heaven's blissful shore,   
   His goodness we'll adore,   
   Singing forevermore,   
   "Alleluia! Amen!"

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**Prayer of Adoration : -- Bro. Ramon Rookwood**

Almighty God, we come into your presence to stay to worship and adore Your holy name, Lord, there is no other place that we would rather be, because there is no other name norm to man rebury can be saved. You are God alone and there is no one beside you. No one can be compared to you. You created us. And when we had fallen into sin. You did not have us in darkness, but sent your son, Jesus to save us. We thank you mighty God that you have the whole world in your hands. We acknowledge that we are totally dependent on you for without you. We are nothing. As we come into your presence is they give us a new outpouring of your spirit that we may truly worship You, with our whole being. Almighty God. All honour, glory, praise, dominion and power be to you, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Chorus: “For He Alone is Worthy”**

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| **ALL:** | ***He alone is worthy To worship and adore The Lamb of God victorious Our risen Lord*** | ***He purchased our redemption Our righteousness is He Exalt the name of Jesus He is worthy*** |

**Prayer of Confession -- Bro. Jason Harvey**

L: Brothers and sisters as we come into God's presence, we are conscious of our sins. In the presence of a holy God our sins and trespasses are like a heavy load upon us. In this moment in the quietness of our hearts, let us confess our sins to God and pray for his forgiveness.   
  
If we have not loved our neighbors, as ourselves, Lord, forgive us— If we have kept malice and harbored hatred in our hearts, Lord, forgive us— if we have not loved you with our whole hearts, and Lord, forgive us— If we have neglected to worship and honor you with our lives, Lord, forgive us— If receivers we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness our sins are forgiven.

**R:** **Amen. Thanks to God.**

**Chorus:** *(To be sung by All)*

***My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought***

***My sin not in part but the whole***

***Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more***

***Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my Soul***

**Assurance of Pardon - Sis. Carol Rookwood**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  **- Sis. Justine Rookwood**

Father, we thank you for life and liberty. We thank you for your family and friends. We thank you for food and shelter, health and strength. We thank you that you place persons in our lives to guide us, and love us and be ministers to us for good. But today, especially thank you for the way in which you set us up in families. You give us parents and children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins. We can't imagine what life would be like without them. So we give you thanks. Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins, and we thank you for the privilege that is ours to serve you and worship. Thank you for your presence with us in this act of worship, and we pray that this worship will be a sweet sound in your ears. **Amen.**

**Children and Youth Focus:**

**Ministry Item: “Love Will Be Our Home” (Please see Insert)**

**– Soloist: Bro. Wayne McGowan**

**Sharing Time (Interview): “Do You Forgive Easily”**

* **Interviewer:** Bro. Donovan Rookwood
* **Panelists:** Sis. Danielle Rookwood and Bro. Jason Harvey

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect: - Sis. Carol Rookwood**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45 [VIP 627]**

*Led by* **– Sis. Danielle Rookwood**

L: **1**O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
    make known his deeds among the peoples.

**R:** **2Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
    tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: **3**Glory in his holy name;  
    let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**R:** **4Seek the Lord and his strength;  
    seek his presence continually.**

L: **5**Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
    his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

**R:** **6O offspring of his servant Abraham,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+105%3A1-6%2CPsalm+105%3A37-45&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-15613a" \o "See footnote a)]  
    children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
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L: **37**Then he brought Israel[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+105%3A1-6%2CPsalm+105%3A37-45&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-15644a)] out with silver and gold,  
    and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

**R:** **38Egypt was glad when they departed,  
    for dread of them had fallen upon it.**

L: **39**He spread a cloud for a covering,  
    and fire to give light by night.

**R:** **40They asked, and he brought quails,  
    and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**

L: **41**He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
    it flowed through the desert like a river.

**R:** **42For he remembered his holy promise,  
    and Abraham, his servant.**

L: **43**So he brought his people out with joy,  
    his chosen ones with singing.

**R:** **44He gave them the lands of the nations,  
    and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**

L: **45**that they might keep his statutes  
    and observe his laws.  
Praise the Lord! ***Gloria Patri***

**Gospel: St. Matthew 18: 21- 35 *–* Sis. Krysten Rookwood**

**Hymn** **–** “**Lord Speak to me that I May Speak....”** [# **313 VIP]**

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
   In living echoes of thy tone;  
   As thou hast sought, so let me seek  
   Thy erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead   
   The wandering and the wavering feet;  
   O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
   The precious things thou do’st impart;  
   And wing my words, that they may reach  
   The hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,  
   Until thy blessed face I see,   
   Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

**Frances R. Havergal (1836-79)**

**Message *–* Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

**Song of Commitment** **“All We Ask”**

*Duet:* **– Justine Rookwood and Wayne McGowan**

*Keyboard***: – Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

1. Hear our earnest prayer, O Lord  
   Hear our humble cry  
   Precious, loving, caring Lord  
   On whom we rely  
   Ever loving, ever Living God  
   Of whom no one can compare  
   All we ask is that You hear our prayers
2. Give us strength, most Holy Lord  
   Strength to meet this day  
   Lead us by Your Holy Word  
   Guide us in Your way   
   today.

For life is filled with winding turns   
We have often lost our way All we ask is that You lead today.

1. Give us love that's true, O Lord  
   Trusting as a child  
   Love for all we see, O Lord  
   Pure and undefiled  
   But to heal the heart and not turn away  
   Anyone who is in need   
   All we ask is teach us love indeed.

***Donnie McClurkin (1959—)***

**Announcements & Offertory**

**Blessing and Dedication Of Tithes & Offering**

**Prayers of Intercession: - Sis. Carol Rookwood**

L Remember Lord, the entire world as we go through this pandemic. Look with compassion on our people that we may grow in wisdom and grace.

Remember, O Lord, the Leaders of our country that they may serve with wisdom, honesty, and compassion. I lift up the leaders of our Churches Lord, give them your mind, and surround them with godly counsellors, who will exercise, integrity, and work for justice and morality. I pray for the lost, the hungry sick and lonely; also those who are in prisons, both behind visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort and your peace Lord. Remember all Lord our children and young people that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and love. Oh God, help us to follow the examples of your saints and bring us into the fullness of your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** **–** “**My Heart is Fixed Eternal God....”** [# **229 VIP]**

1. My heart Is Fixed, Eternal God,   
   Fixed on thee:   
   And my immortal choice is made:   
   Christ for me.   
   He is my Prophet, Priest, and King, Who did for me salvation bring;  
   And while I've breath I mean to sing:   
   Christ for me.
2. In him I see the Godhead shine;   
   Christ for me.   
   He is the Majesty Divine; Christ for me.

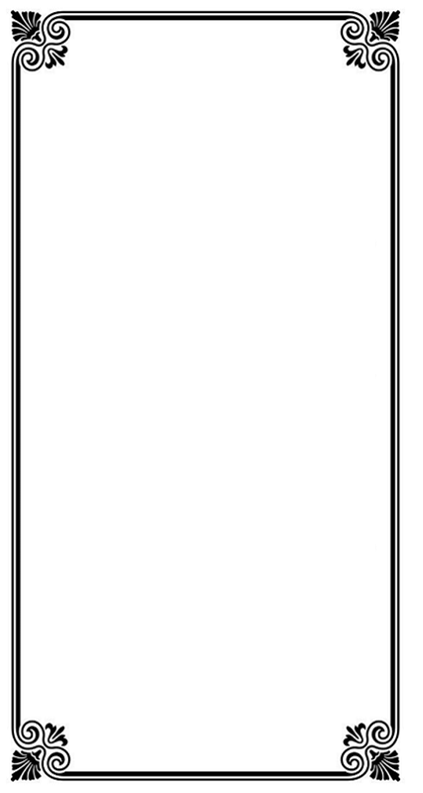
The Father’s well-beloved Son,   
Co-partner of his royal throne,   
Who did for human guilt atone; Christ for me.

1. In pining sickness or in health,   
   Christ for me,   
   In deepest poverty or wealth,   
   Christ for me.   
   And in that all-important day,   
   When I the summons must obey,   
   And pass from this dark world away,   
   Christ for me.

***Richard Jukes* (1804--1867)**

**Benediction**



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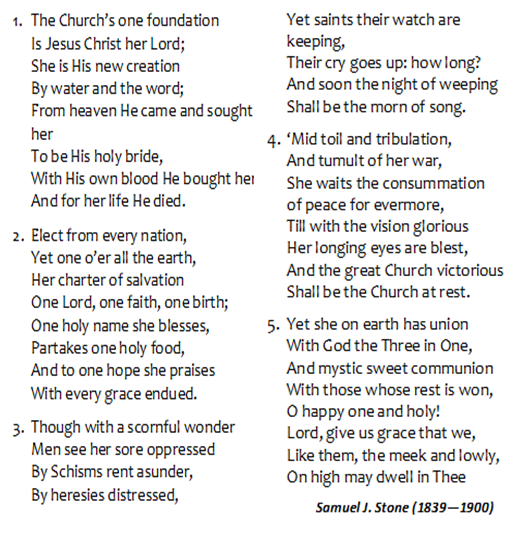
**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Officiating Clergy:**

**Preacher**: **Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

*Preacher & Congregational Steward)*

**Liturgist: Mrs. Carol Rookwood** 

**Organist: Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

**Participants: The Rookwood Family***(Gordon Town Cogregation)*

**District Bishop**: Rev’d Christine Gooden- Benguche

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

*A warm welcome to all worshippers*

*On this glorious Family Sunday!*