

## Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" [# 10 VIP] (Please see Insert)

Call to Worship – Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith, (St. Thomas Circuit)

L: The world has been changed forever by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our women especially have been adversely affected by this and other health issues. They have however for the most part responded with positive action. This is a time when we must support and learn from each other and give God the glory, honour, and praise.

L: Christian friends, this is another day the Lord has graciously given us.

R: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: As we gather in His presence at this worship service, we expect Him to lead us

R: **Let us offer Him praise and honour due His Name.**

L: In the Name of Jesus Christ we greet you all and welcome you heartily to join our worship.

HYMN "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life. . ." [# 245 VIP]

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| 1. Through all the changing scenes of life,<br>In trouble and in joy,<br>The praises of my God shall still<br>My heart and tongue employ. | 4. The hosts of God encamp around<br>The dwellings of the just;<br>Deliverance he affords to all<br>Who on his succour trust.                       |
| 2. Of his deliverance I will boast,<br>Till all that are distressed<br>From my example comfort take,<br>And charm their griefs to rest.   | 5. make but trial of his love;<br>Experience will decide<br>How blest are they, and only they,<br>Who in his truth confide.                         |
| 3. O magnify the Lord with me,<br>With me exalt his name;<br>When in distress to him I called,<br>He to my rescue came..                  | 6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will<br>then<br>Have nothing else to fear;<br>Make you his service your delight,<br>He'll make your wants his care. |

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION – Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith, (St. Thomas Circuit)

L: God of all majesty and power, Who spoke and this world was. Who breathed and this world lived: Who knows the number of hairs upon each of our heads: Who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts: Who loves us more than we deserve: How can we not bring today, Our sacrifice of praise, to praise you more each day? We acknowledge that You are the only living God. You are compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and mercy. We love and adore You Lord. Accept these our prayers, and continue to shower your blessings upon us, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession – Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith (St. Thomas Circuit)

L: Let us make our confessions to God for the sins we have committed and pray for forgiveness.

R: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, forgive our transgressions.**

L: Almighty God: we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us: the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves.

R: **Lord have mercy and forgive us.**

L: Let us glorify God, our loving Father, who created us and continually preserves and sustains us, who loved us with everlasting love and given us the light of the knowledge of His glory in Jesus Christ.

R: **We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

L: Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor.

R: **We thank you, for your love**

L: Who though tempted in all possible ways as we are, yet He was found to be without sin. He was obedient to His Father, even to death on the Cross.

R: **Have mercy on us.**

L: Jesus went about healing the sick, casting out demons, doing good and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. He overcame the power of death and opened the Kingdom of heaven to all believers. He will come again to be our judge.

R: **You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

L: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, by whom we are born to receive our second birth into the family of God. His witness confirms us, His wisdom enlightens us, and His power enables us and does more for us than we can ask or think.

R: **All praise to you, Holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith (St. Thomas Circuit)

L: God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace in all things, we thank you.  
For the gift of life, for the breath that sustains life we thank you.  
For the food of this earth that nurtures life we thank you.  
For the love of family and friends without which there would be little happiness in life, we thank you.  
For the beauty of creation of this great Earth, for the joy that the ear may hear we thank you.  
For the unknown that we cannot behold, filling the universe with wonder and awe, we thank you.

For the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves we thank you.

Everything in our lives, and the lives that surround us was drawn and created by Your own hand.

For all these your gifts, we thank you. **Amen.**

PRAISE TIME:

- Thanks, Thanks I Give You Thanks
- Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart
- I Will Enter in His Gates with Thanksgiving in My Heart
- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CHILDREN'S CORNER: - Minister-in-Training, Gillian Murray

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - District Women's League  
- Read by: **Sis. Prudence Brown**  
(Saxthorpe)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PLEDGE:

***I accept the call of God to service and trusting in His strength I offer myself for the work of the Women's League in this Church. In all things, it shall be my aim to share in the full life of Christ's Church, and to seek through worship and work to know and do the will of God in my home, my Church and my community, so helping to establish His Kingdom on earth.***

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

THE COLLECT – Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith

Almighty God who created male and female in your image for governance in your world, and ministry in your name, grant that under your direction and enablement we will do all that is pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 17:17-24 – **Sis. Joyce Matthews**  
(Red Hills Congregation)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 67, Led by– **Sis. Shirley Richards,**  
(Red Hills Congregation)

- L: <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
- R: <sup>2</sup> **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**
- L: <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- R: <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah***
- L: <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**R:** <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**ALL:** <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. *Gloria Patri...*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 28:1-9**

– **Sis. Maxine Wedderburn**  
(Red Hills Congregation)

**HYMN: “Your Faithfulness, Lord. . .”, [#179VIP]**

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| 1. Your faithfulness, Lord,<br>each moment we find,<br>So true to your word, so<br>loving and kind;<br>Your mercy so tender to<br>the human race,<br>The vilest offender may<br>turn and find grace. | 3. To save what was lost, from<br>heaven he came;<br>Come, sinners, and trust in<br>Jesus’s name;<br>He offers you pardon, he<br>bids you be free:<br>‘If sin be your burden, O<br>come unto me!’ |
| 2. Let me commend my<br>Saviour to you,<br>I set to my seal that<br>Jesus is true:<br>Ye all may find favour<br>who come at his call;<br>O come to my Saviour!<br>His grace is for all.              | 4. Then let us submit his grace<br>to receive,<br>Fall down at his feet and<br>gladly believe;<br>We all are forgiven for<br>Jesus’s sake;<br>Our title to heaven his<br>merits we take.          |

**Charles Wesley (1707—1788)**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:40-56**

– **Sis. Sheila Pryce**  
(Red Hills Congregation)

**SERMON:**

– **Rev’d Pat-Joan Adair**  
(Mt. Fletcher Circuit)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING**

**WALK UP OFFERING FOR THE WESLEY DIACONAL COMMUNITY**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

– **Sis. Marcia Cohen**  
(Red Hills Congregation)

**L:** In this time of COVID 19: we pray for the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Protect our elderly. Provide for the poor. For those with mental health challenges, the isolated, anxious, and helpless: Father God, provide them every necessary support.

**R: Hear our cry O Lord, attend unto our prayers**

**L:** For our Political Leaders: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources and take crucial decisions for combatting this pandemic. Help them to act wisely and with true integrity.

**R: Hear our cry O Lord, attend unto our prayers**

**L:** For Ministers and church leaders faced with the challenges of COVID 19: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregants and serve their communities to your will.

**R: Hear our cry O Lord, attend unto our prayers**

**L:** For the members of the Women’s League: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ be glorified within the Churches and in the communities in which we serve and live.

**R: Hear our cry O Lord, attend unto our prayers**

**L:** Dear God, teach us to be faithful in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Equip us with what is needed to do your will. This we pray in your name. **Amen.**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN “Through The Love of God Our Saviour” [#277VIP]**

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| 1. Through the love of God our<br>Saviour,<br>All will be well;<br>Free and changeless is his<br>favour,<br>All, all is well:<br>Precious is the blood that<br>healed us;<br>Perfect is the grace that<br>sealed us;<br>Strong the hand stretched<br>forth to shield us, | Happy still in God confiding;<br>Fruitful, if in Christ abiding;<br>Holy, through the Spirit's<br>guiding;<br>All must be well.  |
| 2. All must be well.<br>Though we pass through<br>tribulation,<br>All will be well;<br>Christ has purchased full<br>salvation,<br>All, all is well:  | 3. We expect a bright to-<br>morrow;<br>All will be well;<br>Faith can sing through days of<br>sorrow,<br>All, all is well:<br>On our Father's love relying,<br>Jesus every need supplying,<br>Then in living or in dying<br>All must be well. |

**Mary Peters (1813—1856)**

**BENEDICTION: – Rev’d Natoya Thomas Smith (St. Thomas Circuit)**



The Methodist Church in the  
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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**

**WOMEN’S LEAGUE LORD’S DAY**

17<sup>th</sup> Lord’s Day after Pentecost

**MOTTO: Sincerity in Service**

**Theme: “Keeping Faith in Times of Uncertainty”**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Preacher:** **Rev’d Pat-Joan Adair**  
(Mt. Fletcher Circuit)

**Liturgist:** **Rev’d Natoya Thomas Smith**  
(St. Thomas Circuit)

**Organist:** **Sis. Melrose Davies**

**Choristers:** **Sis. Yvonne Brown**  
**Sis. Lucette Cargill**  
**Sis. Valerie Hinds**  
**Sis. Marie Miller**  
**Sis. Yvonne Patterson**

**Praise Team:** **Sis. Marcia Cohen (Red Hills Congregation)**  
**Sis. Shirley Richards (Red Hills Congregation)**  
**Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell (Saxthorpe)**

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

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

*A warm welcome to all worshippers on this  
glorious Women’s League Lord’s Day!*