

Order of Worship

INTROIT: “You Are My Hiding Place. . .” - Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP: – Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

L: Today, the first Sunday in September, is the official start of the 2020-2021 year for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. It is called *Connexional Lord’s Day* as a reminder to our members that we are not an isolated unit within the Jamaica District. We are connected to and work in close association with seven other district conferences, namely Bahamas/Turks & Caicos Islands, Belize/ Honduras, Guyana, Haiti, Leeward Islands, Panama/Costa Rica and South Caribbean.

At the start of this new church year, we consider ourselves **Renewed For Service**. This truth is well expressed in the words of a hymn composed by the first President of the MCCA Conference, the Rev’d Dr. Hugh B. Sherlock, who incidentally wrote the words of the Jamaica National Anthem.

HYMN “Lord Your Church on Earth is Seeking. . .” [# 456 Verse 1 & 3 VIP]

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| 1. Lord, your church on earth is seeking
Your renewal from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accents of your love.
We will heed your great
commission
Go you into every place-
'Preach, baptize, fulfil my
mission;
serve with love and share my | 3. In the streets of every city
Where the bruised and lonely
dwell,
Let us show the Saviour’s pity
Let us of His mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
Let us serve, and seek to bring
All the world to render praises
Christ, to you, Redeemer King. |
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- Hugh Sherlock (1905—1998)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION – Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

L: Almighty God, we praise You for being the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent One who knows us inside out. We feel honoured that You made us in Your own image and chose us to partner with You in the ongoing work of creation. We bow in admiration of the confidence that You placed in us as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We feel humbled that great works of love can come about through us once we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives. To You, Father, Son and Spirit we dedicate this time of worship. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God, we acknowledge with shame that we have fallen short of your expectations. We have not always loved You or our neighbours; we have been preoccupied with our own concerns and disregarded the needs of others; we have delighted in hatred and enmity, although we know these to be contrary to Your laws. In penitence, we seek forgiveness of the sins which, in silence, we confess to You.

(Individual Silent Confession)

ALL: (Sing: “Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”)

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Lord, You have heard the sins which we Your servants have confessed. Because of Your faithfulness and mercy we are assured that You have forgiven us, for which we are truly thankful. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: **God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for Your forgiveness. We thank You for having taken us through another Connexional Year, one which was unique particularly because of the deadly corona virus. We praise You for sustaining us with food, family, friends, faithful ministers, stewards, and servants who work within Your Church for the common good.**

We thank you for ongoing opportunities to work for justice, peace and love; to feed the hungry and clothe the naked; to support the weak; to care for the environment; to embrace those who experience discrimination. We thank you that by your grace we are being renewed for service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE TIME: – ‘FullJoy’ (*Members of the Saxthorpe Praise Team*)

- **Warrior Medley**

HYMN “One More Step Along the World I Go” [# 457 Verses 1, 2 & 5 VIP]

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| 1. One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you | 2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
And the new things that I see
You’ll be looking at along with me. |
| Refrain:
And it’s from the old
I travel to the new;
Keep me traveling along
with you. | 5. You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you. |

Sydney B. Carter (1915—2004)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT: – Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

L: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 12:3, 6, 8, 12–14 – Sis. Yvonne Patterson

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 149 [VIP 657]

Led by – Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

- L: ¹ Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- R: ² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**
- L: ³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- R: ⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**
- L: ⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
- R: ⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- L: ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- R: ⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**
- L: ⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

Gloria Patri

EPISTLE: Romans 13: 8 – 14 – Sis. Lucette Cargill

GOSPEL: St. *Matthew 18: 15 – 20* – Rev’d Dr. George Mulrain

SERMON: – Bishop the Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche

NICENE’ CREED [PAGE 72 MPB]

- Led by – Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us human beings, and for our salvation, he came

down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and became a human being. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life who proceeds from the Father and who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

WE believe in the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: –

L: The Lord be with you

R: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray for our country:

Eternal God bless our land and all its occupants. We are beset by many social, moral, political, and economic challenges. Grant true wisdom, guidance, and inspiration to all those who have been elected to serve, whether as Prime Minister, or Leader of the Opposition or Member of Parliament. May all in national and local government represent the people with humility. Whatever our political affiliation, help us dear God to work together to rid Jamaica of crime and violence; to preserve the environment and to engender health and prosperity. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers**

L: Let us pray for the Church:

Almighty God we pray for the Church of Jesus Christ, especially the MCCA. Strengthen and inspire our Connexional Officers. Give wisdom and encouragement to all our Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, Lay Pastors and Leaders as together we encourage others to become your disciples and to be faithful in their duties. Be gracious to all Ministers and their families especially those taking up new appointments at the beginning of this Connexional Year. Thanks for those who have laboured amongst us and are now serving in other mission fields or have retired from the active work. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION LITURGY [Pg. 96 MPB]

COMMUNION HYMN - "Let us Break Bread Together..." [# 434a VIP]

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees...
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees..

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees

(Based on African-American spiritual)

MCCA CELEBRATION HYMN "God Is Faithful . . ."

1. Come let us join in this celebration
Of faith in God through many a year
Now in each mainland and island nation
Christ Crucified is preached without fear.

Refrain:
*God is faithful guiding our mission
Through His mercy we are right on track
Carrying on the work of those before us
Never tempted to turn back.*
2. We're fully focused, doubly determined,
That it's the dawn of a brand-new day
3. Across the world we make new disciples
We warmly welcome each clan and race,
We treat all those who are poor and helpless
With dignity, love, respect and grace.
4. Let's all arise in each generation
Peace, truth and justice shall be our aim;
Pursue our mission in word and action
As God's bright future we dare to claim.

*Words & Music by:
Drs. Mulrain and Roberts)*

BENEDICTION



The Methodist Church in the Caribbean
and the Americas (MCCA)
JAMAICA DISTRICT

District Theme:

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

**METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY**



CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY

14th Lord's Day After Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2020

**SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT**

PARTICIPATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche
Liturgist: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane
Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

Organist: Bro. Audley Davidson

Choristers: Sis. Yvonne Brown
Sis. Lucette Cargill
Sis. Valerie Hinds
Sis. Marie Miller
Sis. Yvonne Patterson
Bro. Nigel Hays

Praise Team: Sis. Winsome Exell
Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell
Sis. Michelle Goldson

District Bishop: Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche
District Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!