**Order of Service**

**INTROIT: “We Have Come into His House”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is one. The Lord is our God and the LORD alone.

**P: We will love and worship the LORD our God with everything. With the whole of our hearts, with all of our souls and with all of our might.**

**OPENING HYMN: “Lord We Come with Hearts Overflowing”**

**[# 383 VIP]**

1. Lord we come with hearts o'erflowing
On this glad, triumphant day;
Thanking you for grace bestowing
As we walked our pilgrim way.
Grant us pardon, humbly pleading,
For the sins we here confess
Give us still your Spirit’s leading
And our service richly bless.
2. Gone the days of cruel scourging,
Gone the slaver’s blood-stained chains,
Now for us the Spirit’s urging,
Now the love of Christ constrains.
Shout we then in acclamation,
Gladly now our chorus raise. Mainland, join our jubilation,
Islands, sing in loudest praise!
3. Lord your church its task unfinished
Seeks your wisdom, grace and power,
Let us not with strength diminished
Fail you in this glorious hour
Still obedient to the vision
Of our people saved from sin,
May your Church pursue its mission
Till all souls are gathered in.

***Words: Hugh B. Sherlock 1905-1998***

***Music: Doreen Potter 1925-1980***

**Prayer of Adoration**

L: Jehovah God, you are God alone. You have no rival and you have no equal. You alone are worthy of worship, you alone are worthy the highest praise. For you created us from dust and for your honour and glory we were made. For fellowship with you, we were made, to enjoy you forever and so we offer you our all: our bodies, our minds and our souls to serve you in the present age.

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

L: Let us confess our sins to God pray for and receive His forgiveness by faith.

*[Silent Confession]*

L: It is the Lord’s desire that we be in good health: body, mind and soul. It is the Lord’s desire that we live in harmony with all that He has made. God’s commands and laws are good and were given for human flourishing. That it may go well with us: body mind and soul. However too often we usurp your place as God of our lives and we reject the path that leads to life. We desire good health and we desire for our bodies, minds and souls to prosper but too often to the exclusion of you.

**P: Forgive us Lord and may our cry come up to you.**

**Song of Thanksgiving**

1. ***God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He’s so good to me;***
2. ***He died for me, He died for me,
He died for me, He’s so good to me.***
3. ***I love Him so, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He’s so good to me.***

**Ministry Item (Dance): – Sis. Michelle Goldson**

**Praise and Worship**

**Children and Youth Focus**

**Children/Youth Hymn: “Make God your Choice” [# 224 VIP]**

1. In a world of freedom as such
opportunities, there are much,
and increasingly it’s becoming
hard to decide.
When the wrong things seem to be right,
and confusion is our plight,
there is only one rule by which
we all should abide.

***Refrain****:*

***Choose, with your mind on the Master;
make him your constant Adviser;
strive, to be his in thought word and deed.
Live, everyday with the Master,
and you’ll be sure to discover
life, lived with God is bound to succeed.***

1. In the Bible, we have been warned,

wolves in sheep’s clothing would be found,

and we know that the Word of God
is far from void;
when we don’t know what course to take,
and we’re afraid to make a mistake,
that’s the time we must surely seek
direction from God.

1. Old King Solomon, we are told,
asked for knowledge instead of gold;
as a consequence, he got wisdom
and wealth complete;
we must first, the things of God heed,
and all other things that we need
will be added, to make our lives
abundant and sweet.

**Pearl Y. Mulrain (1943-)**

**Ministry of the Word**

**Collect:**

**ALL**: **ALMIGHTY GOD, you have created the heavens and the earth, and made all human beings in your image: teach us to discern your loving purpose in all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and for ever.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 33:1-12**

 **Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**  *(Secretary of the District Conference)*

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 139:1-6, 13-16**

*Led by***: Sis. Marcia Cohen**

L: **1**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**P: 2You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
    you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: **3**You search out my path and my lying down,
    and are acquainted with all my ways.

**P: 4Even before a word is on my tongue,
    O Lord, you know it completely.**

L: **5**You hem me in, behind and before,
    and lay your hand upon me.

**P: 6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
    it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: **13**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**P: 14I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  Wonderful are your works;**
**that I know very well.**

L: **15**    My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
    intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**P: 16Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
    all the days that were formed for me,
    when none of them as yet existed.**

L: **17**How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
    How vast is the sum of them!

**ALL: 18I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
    I come to the end[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+139%3A1-6%2C+13-18&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-16258a)**]—I am still with you.**

**Gloria**

**Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:16-21 – Sis. Yvonne Patterson**

**Hymn: “A Charge to Keep I Have” [# 315 VIP]**

1. A Charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:
2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,
And on thyself rely,
Assured, if I, my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

**Charles Wesley (1707—1788) alt.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34 - Rev’d Bosworth Mullings**

*Superintendent Minister*

 *Coke Circuit*

**Sermon - Rev’d Bosworth Mullings**

**Hymn of Response: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” [# 350 VIP]**

*Refrain:*

*JUST a closer walk with thee;*

*Grant it, Jesus, if you please,
Daily walking close with thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

1. I am weak but thou art strong,
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I’ll be satisfied as long,
As I walk, let me walk close with thee.
2. Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. When my feeble life is o’er,
Time for me won’t be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o’er,
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

***Traditional***

**Pastoral Prayer and Call to Commitment**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Notices and Opportunities for Service**

**Receiving and Dedication of Offering**

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: The Lord be with you

**P: And also with you**

L: Let us pray.
We pray for those who occupy seats of power. There is no authority, except that which God has established and all human government is established by God to be His agents and representatives, to promote God’s order and by extension human flourishing. We pray for those who occupy positions of prominence in Jamaica land we love and the wider world, that they/we would acknowledge a greater authority over us, and commit to using this delegated power to advance justice, righteousness and peace.

**P:** *(Sing)* **Kum ba ya, my Lord, kum ba ya! (×3) O Lord, kum ba ya!**

L: We pray for the church universal and the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas. Lord you raised up your church as a called out community, set apart to be the conscience of society and to reconcile humanity to God. Help your church to be faithful witnesses of your truth and love in a world in which the dividing lines between right and wrong have become blurred.

**P:**  *(Sing)* **Someone's praying Lord, kum ba ya! (×3) O Lord, kum ba ya!**

L: We pray for those who not experiencing wholeness, whether in body, mind or soul. We live in a broken, hurting world marred by sin. All around us are persons who are lost and broken, suffering due to illness, loss and lack. We pray such persons may experience your love and redemption in tangible ways.

**P:**  *(Sing)* **Someone's crying Lord, kum ba ya! (×3) O Lord, kum ba ya!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**Closing Hymn: “Take my Life, and Let it be” [# 233 VIP]**

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

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

**Benediction**

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love God and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. AMEN



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***Beginning with Me”***

***Sub Theme***

***“Healing of the Body, Mind and Soul as we***

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3rd Lord’s Day after the Epiphany

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**CONFERENCE LORD’S DAY**

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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*