

Order of Service

L: Welcome to another broadcast of Methodist Voices in Word and Song. Our focus for the month of February continues to be “Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we serve the present age.”

We gather on this the Second Lord’s Day in Lent

The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence and conversion.

INTROIT: “His Name is Wonderful...” [# 20 VIP] - Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come in from the wilderness. The Spirit led us day by day, until on our way we hungered for bread.

R: **But we would not betray our God to own all the world’s food.**

L: Come in from the wilderness; join in a meal at the Lord’s table. The Spirit carried us above the steeples. Until our spirit swelled with pride at our faith.

R: **But we would not betray our God to fill all the world’s food.**

L: Come in from the wilderness; rest by the fire and warm your hearts. The Spirit took us to a high mountain. Until our chests puffed up at the sight of all earth’s nations.

R: **But we would not betray our God to control the world’s peoples.**

L: Come in from the wilderness, let the angels appear and minister to you.

R: **We will worship the Lord our God, and God alone will serve.**

HYMN: “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven...” [# 12 VIP]

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
Who like you his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King! | Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness. |
| 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless. | 4. Angels in the height, adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace! |
- WORDS Henry F. Lyte (1793—1847)*
MUSIC John Goss (1800—1880)

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Faithful One of the Ages, you are our Creator, In the beginning you formed humanity from the dust of the ground and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life. Ever since, we have rebelled against you, thinking we knew better what was good and evil; and we have hidden from you, learning that we did not. But we always come back, Lord. We always come back. Embrace us, dear God, as we return home.

PERIOD OF SILENCE: (Audio)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

P: **Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace. Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the beauty of your reign, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

L: Gracious and merciful God, you see into the secret places of our hearts, where we mourn our sins. As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers.

P: **Look with mercy on our contrite hearts, wash from us the stain of iniquity, and create a new and right spirit in us, that we may declare your praise and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days; through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.**

HYMN: “Heal Us Immanuel...” [# 155 MHB vs 1. 2, 4 & 5]

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| 1. Heal us, Immanuel; hear our prayer;
we wait to feel thy touch:
Deep-wounded souls to Thee repair;
and Savior, we are such. | 4. She, too, who touched Thee in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace:
Thy faith hath made thee whole." |
| 2. Our faith is feeble, we confess;
We faintly trust Thy word;
But wilt thou pity us the less?
Be that far from thee, Lord! | 5. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch thee if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away. |
- William Cowper (1731—1800)*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

- Sis. Valerie Hinds

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 22:23-31 [VIP 578]

Led by: - Bro. David Darlington

L: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

R: ²⁴**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I^[b] cried to him.**

L: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

R: ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

L: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

R: ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

L: ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in^[t] the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

R: ³⁰**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

ALL: ³¹**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

THE GLORIA

HYMN: “Me Alone, Me Alone...” [# 88 VIP vs.1, 2 & 4]

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| 1. Me alone, me alone,
in-a de wilderness
Me alone, me alone,
in-a de wilderness | 2. He was tempted by the devil,
in-a de wilderness
He was tempted by the devil,
in-a de wilderness. |
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Refrain:
Forty days and forty nights
in-a de wilderness
Forty days and forty nights
in-a de wilderness

4. Me alone, me alone
in-a de wilderness
Me alone, me alone
in-a de wilderness.

*Traditional
(Jamaican creole)*

EPISTLE: Romans 4:13-25

- **Sis. Lucette Cargill**

GOSPEL: St. Mark 8:31-38

- **Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**

SELECTION: “Now I belong to Jesus...” - Saxthorpe Choristers

SERMON:

- **Rev’d Dr. Errol Leslie**

HYMN: “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow...” [# 195 VIP]

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| 1. I don’t know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day.
I don’t borrow from its
sunshine,
For its skies may turn to gray.
I don’t worry o’er the future,
For I know what Jesus said,
And today Ill walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead. | Ev’ry burden’s getting lighter;
Ev’ry cloud is silver lined.
There the sun is always shining,
There no tear will dim the eye,
At the ending of the rainbow,
Where the mountains touch the
sky. |
| 3. I don’t know about tomorrow,
It may bring me poverty;
But the one who feeds the
sparrow,
Is the one who stands by me.
And the path that be my portion,
May be through the flame or
flood,
But His presence goes before
me,
And I’m covered with His blood. | |

Refrain:
Many things about
tomorrow,
I don’t seem to understand;
But I know who holds
tomorrow
And I know who holds my
hand.

2. Ev’ry step is getting brighter,
As the golden stairs I climb;

Ira F. Stanphil (1914—1993)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- L: Lord, hear us:
R: Lord, graciously hear us.
 L: Lord, we pray that you may open the eyes of the peoples of the world and their leaders, that we may see what is right and act for the good. Lord, hear us:
R: Lord, graciously hear us.
 L: That you may open our ears to the clamouring of the hungry. To the complaints of those we neglect, to the sobbing of the desperately unhappy, to your call to minister to those for whom Christ died. Lord, hear us:
R: Lord, graciously hear us.
 L: Lord, we pray that you will lift all our burdens and increase our faith that, travelling light, we may always be ready to go where you call. Lord, hear us:
R: Lord, graciously hear us.
 L: In Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “My Song is Love Unknown...” [# 89 VIP vs 1, 4 & 5]

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| 1. My song is love unknown,
My Saviour’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die? | What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay. |
| 4. In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave. | 5. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine:
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend. |
- Samuel Crossman (1624-83)**

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2nd Lord’s Day in Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2021

DIVINE WORSHIP

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!