

Order of Service

INTROIT: "Lord, Jesus Christ"

CALL TO WORSHIP: - Rev'd Claudette Campbell

L: Come to Christ, the living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

R **We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house.**

L: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

R: **Called out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, by your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope.

OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..." [# 5 vs 1& 4 VIP]

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| 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before
thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day! | 4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life. |
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- Henry Van Dyke (1852—1933)

PRAYER OF ADORATION - Rev'd Claudette Campbell

L: With all our hearts we take refuge in God most high, the one who created all things, the merciful Father, the source of all goodness. With all our heart we take refuge in Christ who has guided and shaped us as a nation and a people. **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: - Rev'd Claudette Campbell

L: Gracious Lord there are times when our patriotism is blind, times we are consumed by pride that prevents us from seeing each other as brothers and sisters.

R **Forgive and pardon us good Lord**

L: Forgive us when we continue to take the lives of the innocent and forget the vulnerable and weak among us

R **Forgive and pardon us good Lord**

L: Forgive us for our slowness to forgive and our destruction of the foundation laid by our fore-parents. Forgive our anger, malice, injustice, our willful ignorance of your ways, our infliction of cruelty upon others through word and action.

R **Forgive us good Lord.**

L: When we thrive at the expense of others and forget that we are nation builders and our brothers and sisters' keeper.

ALL: **Pardon and forgive us dear Lord.**

L: And so gracious God, we give You thanks that You have heard our prayers and forgiven our sins.

ALL: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

- PUPPETRY MINISTRY - Bro. Victor McSweeney

HYMN: "Make God your Choice" [# 224 vs 1 & 3 VIP]

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| 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. | 3. 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. |
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Pearl Y. Mulrain (1943-)

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.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect:

ALL: **Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 30: 11-20 - Sis. Lucette Cargill

RESPONSIVE PSALM 139: v 1 -10, 13-14, 23-24

Led by: Rev'd Claudette Campbell

- L: ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- P: ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- L: ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- P: ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**
- L: ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- P: ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: ⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

P: ⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

L: ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

P: ¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

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

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

L: ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

ALL: ²⁴**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

GLORIA

EPISTLE: 1Corinthians 3:16-21 - Sis. Patricia Stephenson

GOSPEL: St. Mark 12:28-34 - Sis. Marie Miller

MINISTRY IN SONG: "PRAISE GOD" - Saxthorpe Choristers

SERMON - Rev'd Dr. Karen McSweeney
(Tutor/ Warden UTCWI)

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "O Jesus I Have Promised..." [# 272 VIP]

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| 1. Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide. | 3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul. |
| 2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin. | 4. Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend. |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - Rev'd Claudette Campbell

COMMUNION HYMN: "A Sign of Love..." [# 429 VIP]

1. Let us enter into covenant with Christ,
Celebrating the Eucharist of love,
Take a little bread and wine,
Lift up the chalice of the King.
3. He is lifted to the throne on high
And will come again to rule all the world
The saints who sleep in Christ
shall rise
Rejoice O Zion and be glad.

Refrain:

Alleluia, it's a sign of love!
Alleluia, it's a sign of peace.
Alleluia, it's the mystery of faith,
Alleluia, Amen.

2. Take the body and the blood of Christ,
In divine revelation of His love,
Be transformed, Oh my people,
from your sin
And eat and drink and live!
5. Come you faithful, to the paradise of God,
To the marriage feast of the Lamb. Eat manna from the tree of life;
You are washed in the Blood of Christ!

Norbert Farrell (1943-)

COMMUNION LITURGY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Rev'd Claudette Campbell

L: We remember in prayer all the peoples of the world who seek liberty, equality, and human dignity. We lift up the needs of the hungry, the homeless, and the disadvantaged. Lord hear our prayer...

R: **And let our cry come unto you**

L: Lord, in this time of COVID-19 with its various strains, we pray for all the front-line workers, first responders and persons affected by the Coronavirus. Keep them, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, hear our prayer...

R: **And let our cry come unto you**

L: We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time and shaping national policies. Continue to give them wisdom to made decisions that meets with your will. That they may maintain values which we hold dear. Lord, hear our prayer...

R: **And let our cry come unto you**

L: As we continue to mourn the loss of lives in our country, we bring before you all stakeholders responsible for the formation of a civil society. May the people they serve be willing to cooperate with them, resulting in a safe and disciplined environment, a lessening of crime and violence in homes and on the streets! Curtail the presence of guns, knives and other weapons in the day to day interaction with others. For persons who have committed evil acts, may they acknowledge their wrong-doing and pledge to turn away from their wickedness. May there come the time when boys and girls, men and women love and serve you and walk in Your ways. Lord, hear our prayer...

R: **And let our cry come unto you**

L: We pray for the church universal, which encompasses different lands, cultures, and languages, but exist under one lordship in Jesus Christ. We pray for the World Methodist Council, MCCA Connexional Officers, our District Bishops, our District Officers, Ministers, Preachers, Leaders and our Congregants. Lord, hear our prayer...

R: **And let our cry come unto you**

L: Finally, we remember in Your presence, those who have died. Grant that we may follow the example of those saints who have walked in faith during their time on earth. May we, like them, be prepared to be with you at the last, we humbly pray. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Christ for the World" [# 463 v. 1 & 4 VIP]

1. CHRIST for the world, we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.
4. Christ for the world, we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With joyful song:
The new-born souls, whose days,
Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise,
To Christ belong.

Samuel Wolcott (1813—1886)

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"*

Sub Theme

*"Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we
serve the present age"*

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5th Lord's Day after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 7, 2021

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Dr. the Rev'd Karen Durrant McSweeney
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A warm welcome to all worshippers!