Order of Worship

INTROIT: "As the Deer Panteth for the Water…"
– Grateful Hill Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: People of God, you are welcome in the presence of God, no matter what has happened in your life.

R: We worship the God who sees the end from the beginning and already knows the outcome of every situation.

L: People of God, you are welcome in the presence of God, no matter how you look.

R: We rejoice to know that God looks beyond good looks or accomplishments, wealth or social connections; God sees the heart.

L: No matter who we are or how life has treated us…

ALL: We are all welcome in God's house!

L: We will live as children of light -- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

R: May Christ come and shine upon us! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

L: **Let us worship God**

HYMN: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story…" [# 196 VIP]

1. I will sing the wondrous story
   Of the Christ who died for me;
   How he left his home in glory,
   For the Cross on Calvary:

   Refrain:
   Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
   Of the Christ who died for me—
   Sing it with the saints in glory,
   Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost; but Jesus found me—
   Found the sheep that went astray;
   Raised me up and gently led me
   Back into the narrow way:

3. I was bruised; but Jesus healed me:
   Faint was I from many a fall;
   Sight was gone, and fears possessed me:
   But he freed me from them all:

4. Days of darkness still come o'er me;
   Sorrow's paths I often tread:
   But the Saviour still is with me,
   By his hand I'm safely led.

5. He will keep me till the river
   Rolls its waters at my feet;
   Then he'll bear me safely over,
   Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Francis H. Rawley (1854—1952)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING - *{Ex Tempore}*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION - *{Ex Tempore}*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the good news. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

R: Amen. Thanks be to God

TIME OF PRAISE - **Grateful Hill Praise Team**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 – Sis. Cassie-Ann King

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 130 [VIP # 646]
Led by: **Pastor Clifton Brown**

L: [1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

R: [2] Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

L: [3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

R: [4] But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

L: [5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

R: [6] my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

L: [7] O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

ALL: [8] It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

THE GLORIA

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 - **Bro. Paul Messam**
(Saxthorpe Congregation)

HYMN: "There Were Ninety and Nine…" [# 182 VIP]

1. There were ninety and nine
   that safely lay
   In the shelter of the fold;
   But one was out on the hills
   away,
   Far off from the gates of gold,
   Away on the mountains wild
   and bare,
   Away from the tender
   Shepherd's care.

2. Lord, thou hast here thy ninety
   and nine;
   Are they not enough for thee?
   But the Shepherd made
   answer, 'This of mine
   Has wandered away from me
   And although the road be
   rough and steep,
   I go to the desert to find my
   sheep.'

3. But none of the ransomed ever
   knew
   How deep were the waters
   crossed,
   Nor how dark was the night
   that the Lord passed through,
   Ere he found his sheep that
   was lost.
   Out in the desert he heard its
   cry,
   Sick and helpless and ready to
   die.

4. Lord, whence are those blood-
   drops all the way
   That mark out the mountain's
   track?
   They were shed for one who
   had gone astray,
   Ere the Shepherd could bring
   him back.
   Lord, whence are thy hands so
   rent and torn?
   They are pierced tonight by
   many a thorn.

5. And all through the mountains,
   thunder-riven,
   And up from the rocky steep,
   There rose a cry to the gate of
   heaven,
   'Rejoice, I have found my
   sheep.'
   And the angels echoed around
   the throne,
   'Rejoice, for the Lord brings
   back His own.'

Elizabeth C. Clephane
(1830—1869)

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 16:21—27 - **Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler**

MINISTRY ITEM -

MESSAGE: - **Rev'd Claude Samuels**
(Superintendent Minister, Portmore Circuit)

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "All to Jesus, I Surrender…" [# 186 VIP]

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
   All to him I freely give;
   I will ever love and trust him,
   In his presence daily live.

   Refrain:
   I surrender all,
   I surrender all;
   All to thee, my blessed Savior,
   I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
   Humbly at his feet I bow,
   Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
   Take me, Jesus, take me now.

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
   Make me, Saviour, wholly thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
   Truly know that thou art mine.

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
   Lord, I give myself to thee;
   Fill me with thy love and power; Let thy blessings fall on me.

Judson W. Van DeVenter (1855-1939)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound…" [# 184 VIP]

1. We have heard a joyful sound:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Spread the gladness all around:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Bear the news to every land,
   Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
   Onward! 'tis our Lord's command:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

2. Sing above the battle's strife:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   By his death and endless life,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Sing it softly through the gloom,
   When the heart for mercy craves;
   Sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

3. Give the winds a mighty voice:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Let the nations now rejoice:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Shout salvation full and free
   To every shore of ocean's waves—
   This our song of victory:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***Priscilla J. Owens* (1829-99) alt**

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!