**Order of Worship**

**Introit: Bless the Lord [# 1 VIP]**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me,

Bless his holy name.

He has done great things,

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Bless his holy name.

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***Andraé Crouch* (1945—2015)**

**Call to Worship**

L: With open hearts, we enter this space

R: Recalling how much we are loved.

L: With open minds, we enter this space

R: Receiving God’s wisdom and insight.

L: With open arms, we enter this space

R: Ready to share God’s love in word and deed.

L: With open lives, we enter this space

R: Being transformed by God’s love, wisdom, and work.

Hymn: “Majesty, worship his majesty…” [# 54 VIP]

1. Majesty, worship his majesty,  
   Unto Jesus be all glory,   
   honour, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority  
   flow from his throne unto his own;  
   His anthem raise.

1. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
   Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.   
   Majesty, worship his majesty;   
   Jesus who died, now glorified,   
   King of all Kings.

**Jack Hayford, (1934- )**

**Prayer of Approach**

L: Let us Pray --Gracious God - we thank you for the family you have given us in Christ Jesus. We pray that you will bless us as we gather today to worship you and to seek your wisdom and to care for one another. Help us to hear your Word and to do your Will. Grant that joy and peace may fill every heart and that in this place we might become more deeply in love with You and with our neighbours. We ask it in the name of Jesus - our Lord, our brother, and our friend. Amen.

Prayer of adoration

L: Almighty God the Father, gracious Lord of all, whose glory knows no bounds: we worship and adore you.  
Lord Jesus Christ the Son, eternal Word of God, whose mercy never ends: we worship and adore you.  
Most good and loving Spirit, source of power and life, whose goodness lasts forever: we worship and adore you.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit: one eternal God, God of brightness, God of purity, majestic God, to you we give all blessing, glory, honour and power, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Wise God our Saviour, we confess that we often fail to seek Your wisdom and insight in our life. Instead, we follow what is trending online, the market, the desires of others that become our own. We seek to have and consume much more than we need. God of Wisdom, turn us back to Your ways, to become Your children, full of wonder and awe at You and the world You have made. Turn us back to Your ways so that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and in our mutual love and care, our lives are transformed. Turn us back, O God, so that we might recall we are made in Your image, with the power to co-create and build Your reign here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

*(Reflection and silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from James 3:8a)*

L: “Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.” Know that whenever you turn back to God, God is right there with open arms. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Center yourself in God’s love, and no evil can tempt you away. Go forth and share the good news of God’s love with the world, for this is the wisdom of God. **Amen. Thanks be to God**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Children and Youth Focus – Sis Cassie-Ann King**

**Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine…” [# 483a VIP]**

1. This little light of mine,  
   I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, Let it shine  
Let it shine

1. Every where I go,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,  
   Every where I go,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,

Every where I go,  
I’m gonna let it shine,Let it shine, Let it shine  
Let it shine

1. All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,   
   All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,   
   All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine  
   Let it shine

***Afro-American Spiritual***

**PRAISE IN WORSHIP**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect:**

**ALL: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. AMEN**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 1** *Led by* **Sis. Nicole Cobrand**

L: **1**Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**R: 2but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: **3**They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

**R: 4The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: **5**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**ALL: 6for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Gloria Patri:**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Epistle: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a - Sis. Kadeen Campbell**

**Gospel: St. John 4:7—15; 39—42 - Sis. Kerry-Ann Sadler**

**Sermon: - Rev’d Veron Hussey**

*(Minister, Guyana District)*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take My Life and Let It Be…” [# 234 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)**

**Renewal of Fellowship**

**Announcements/ Notices & Offertory**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** – “**Blessed Assurance…” [# 235 VIP]**

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
   O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
   Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
   Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

***Refrain:  
This is my story,  
This is my song,   
Praising my Saviour   
All the day long.***

1. Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

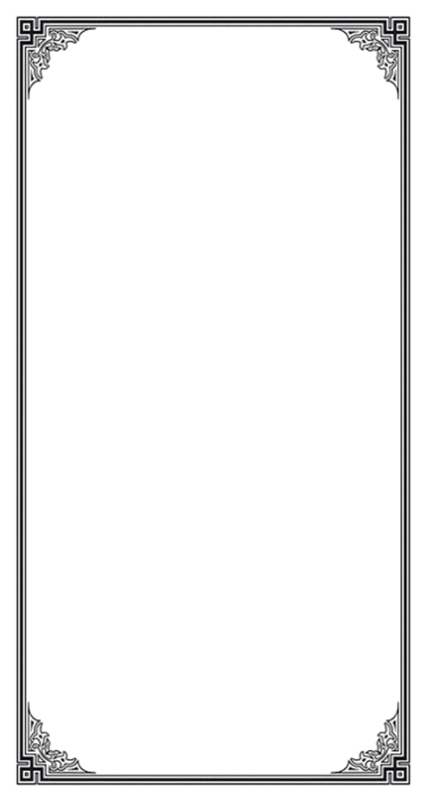
1. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
   I in my Saviour am happy and blest—  
   Watching and waiting, looking above,  
   Filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

**Frances J. van Alstyne   
(1820-1915)**

**Benediction**

L: Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may God smile upon your every moment; May The Spirit energize your every hour, and may The Living Word guide your every step along the way this, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**



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**Liturgist: Sis. Nicole Cobrand**

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*A blessed welcome to all worshippers on   
 this beautiful Lord’s Day!*