

Order of Service

CENTERING SONG: "Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart..."

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son (Rept.)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (Rept. x2)

— Smith Eustace Henry Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

— **Rev'd Halton Hill** -Secretary, District Young Adult Work Commission (DYAWC)

L: We come in God's presence, bringing our worship.

C: **We come in God's presence, with a sacrifice of praise.**

L: We come in God's presence, with a desire to be restored.

C: **We come in God's presence, to experience renewal.**

L: We come in God's presence, afflicted by the cares of this world.

C: **We come in God's presence to experience healing and deliverance.**

L: We come in God's presence with questions, uncertainties, doubts, and fears about the days ahead.

C: **We come in God's presence to experience God's assurances.**

L: We come in God's presence with our frailties, hesitations, and ignorance.

C: **We come in God's presence, to experience the grace that is made perfect when we are weak.**

ALL: **We come expecting to be blessed as we praise You, O God!**

HYMN: "All Things Will Be Fine..." [# 16 VIP]

1. All things will be fine
In my Father's house (3x)
All things will be fine
In my Father's house
Where there's joy, joy, joy.

3. Do you want to go
In my Father's house(3x)
Do you want to go
In my Father's house
Where there's joy, joy, joy?

2. There will be no sin
In my Father's (3x)
There will be no sin
In my Father's house
Where there's joy, joy, joy.

4. Yes I want to go
In my Father's house (3x)
Yes I want to go
In my Father's house
Where there's joy, joy, joy.

Author: Anon.

PRAYER OF ADORATION: — **Rev'd Halton Hill** (Secretary, DYAWC)

L: We praise You, Almighty God, how awesome is Your name! We bless You, as our Keeper and Preserver. We worship and give You praise as we stand in awe of Your greatness. You are the One who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless. We look to You because Your name is a strong tower, that the

righteous run to and find refuge. We find contentment in You, even as we recognise that when we are stretched beyond our wildest imagination, there is peace and a sense of calm that comes with knowing You.

ALL: **We adore You as Lord and Creator; may our hearts exude all joy when we think of You, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

SONG: "Jehovah Is Your Name..." — (Ntokozo Mbambo)

Jehovah is your name, Jehovah is your name
Jehovah is your name, Jehovah is your name (Rept. x2)

**Mighty Warrior,
Great in battle
Jehovah is your name.** (Rept.)

Jehovah is Your name, Jehovah is Your name
Jehovah is Your name, Jehovah is Your name (Rept.)

**You are a Mighty Warrior (Mighty warrior)
And You are so great (Great in battle)
Jehovah is your name** (Rept. x 4)
(Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...)

**Mighty Warrior,
Great in battle,
Jehovah is Your name.** (Rept. x 4)

(Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...)

TIME OF CONFESSION: — **Rev'd Halton Hill** (Secretary, DYAWC)

L: Let us consider, how, as we have been confronted with the challenges brought on by the global pandemic, we have given in to the testing of these days; given up on God's divine plans for our lives even as our faith waned; lost sight of purpose amidst the difficulties of each passing day; and how in so many ways, we have sinned against God and even among our families, friends and others around us. Let us privately confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

(A time of silence is to be observed
for personal prayers of confession)

ALL: **Journeying God, who accompanies us along life's pathway, purify us this day, as we seek to be redirected to the paths of righteousness, to recover from our sinfulness and find joy and peace, through Your resilient Spirit at work in and through us.**

SONG: 'Create in Me A Clean Heart and Purify Me'

1. Create in me a clean heart
And purify me, purify me
Create in me a clean heart
So I may worship Thee (x3)

(Bridge)
Cast me not away from
Thy presence

Please don't take Your
spirit from me

And restore the joy of
salvation
So that I may worship
Thee (x2)

— **Donnie McClurkin**

ASURANCE OF PARDON: — **Rev'd Halton Hill** (Secretary, DYAWC)

L: God's forgiveness and love abounds today, cleansing, renewing and restoring us into spiritually resilient beings — saved by grace, through faith.

ALL: **We give honour and glory to our King who forgives. Amen.**

TIME OF THANKSGIVING & TESTIMONIES: "Hearts of Gratitude"

— **Rev'd Halton Hill** (Secretary, DYAWC)

L: I invite us to reflect on all we have endured within the last 12 months, and the various ways we have experienced God's hand at work in our lives. Let's use a few minutes to express gratitude to Jehovah Jireh for the many blessings we've received.

On a piece of paper, write down at least three things that you are thankful to God for. We'll invite some of us to stand (*or raise your hand — if online*) and share.

After this time of expressing gratitude, we invite you to embrace an **attitude of gratitude** during these challenging times, even as we join forces to recover and become more spiritually resilient, **by committing to start a "Gratitude Journal" or acquiring a "Gratitude Jar"** where you symbolically offer thanks to God, for all that you receive each day. We pray that God will forever be acknowledged for all we possess, as all things come from Him.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS — **Rev'd Halton Hill** (Secretary, DYAWC)

MCCA YOUTH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: — **Pastor Sean A. Davis**

(President, MCCA Youth)

TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP — Led by Youth & Young Adult Reps.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: **Jeremiah 30:12-17** - **Sis. Kemone Bryan**

(Lyndhurst Circuit)

EPISTLE: **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** - **Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler** (Asst. Secretary, District Youth Work Commission)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Wonderful Words of Life..."

1. Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful Words of life;
Let me more of their beauty
see, Wonderful Words of
life;
Words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:
**Beautiful Words,
Wonderful Words,
Wonderful Words of life;
Beautiful Words,
Wonderful Words,
Wonderful Words of life.**

2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, Wonderful Words of life; Sinner, list' to the loving call, Wonderful Words of life; All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call, Wonderful Words of life; Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful Words of life; Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify us forever. (Refrain)
- (Lyrics & Music by Philip P. Bliss)

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:28-30

- **Sis. Durene Tavares**
(Secretary, MCCA Youth)

SERMON:

- **Pastor Sean A. Davis**
(President, MCCA Youth)

MCCA YOUTH IN FOCUS

- **Sis. Durene Tavares**
(Secretary, MCCA Youth)

L: What is the Motto of MCCA Youth, to which we subscribe?
Y/YA: **Setting examples in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.**
(1 Timothy 4:12)

L: In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who is leading us on this Road to Recovery, and enabling us to live in Spiritual Resilience, let us declare our **MCCA Youth Pledge** as members of this family.

MCCA Youth Pledge:

Y/YA: **Accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour: I pledge wholeheartedly to be a Godly example to others in every area of my life. I trust in God to equip me as I serve the Church and my community daily, so that the Kingdom of God is extended through my commitment, readiness, and diligence – so help me God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY/BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

(N.B. **Offering** is in aid of Youth Work: 1/3 Congregational Level, 1/3 District level & 1/3 Connexional level)

Prayers of Intercession: #SpiritualResilience

L: As we reflect on the proclaimed Word of God today, and the situation across the Caribbean and Americas, and the wider world, as leaders seek to identify and implement measures to aid our societies to return to some semblance of normalcy and ease the financial and emotional burdens that the pandemic and natural disasters have forced us to endure, let us spend some time in prayer for direction and God's intervention. Let us pray that God will make our people, particularly our youth and young adults – spiritually resilient in this season, so we'll experience recovery, renewal and refreshing.

(Designated/assigned youth and young adults will engage in intercession as they are led)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Will Your Anchor Hold..." [# 344 VIP]

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?

While the surges rave,
and the wild winds blow,
Shall the angry waves then your boat o'erflow?

3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor hold within the veil:

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore?

Priscilla Owens (1829—1899)

SENDING FORTH – Rev'd Halton Hill – (Secretary, DYAWC)

L: Go forth into the world, with confidence that as children of God, on this road to recovery, we are not alone, and Yahweh is not through with us yet! Go forth with commitment to the mission of being spiritually resilient, by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you.

C: **We go reassured by God, that we are on this road to recovery and will land safely, as long as our hearts and minds are fixed on spiritual resilience. Amen and Amen.**



Spiritual Resilience (Selfie) Challenge

N.B.: After the corporate worship has ended, we invite our youth and young adults to take SELFIES (photos/video) and post on social media - Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, with words, messages or symbols depicting messages of #Spiritual Resilience.

Tag @mccayouth @jamethodist

- #MCCAYLD2021
- #mccayouth
- #RoadtoRecovery
- #SpiritualResilience

Additionally, post any key lesson(s) learned or moment(s) from the day's worship encounter that resonate with YOU. This, in a Connexional effort to challenge the world to focus on spiritual recovery, even as we seek to recover our economies and get back to 'normalcy'. Let's encourage **Spiritual Resilience** as a means by overcoming these times.

The Methodist Church in the Caribbean
and the Americas (MCCA)



JAMAICA DISTRICT



Setting examples in speech,
conduct, love, faith & purity

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"**

**METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY**

MCCA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 21, 2021

26th Lord's Day after Pentecost

Theme:

**ROAD TO RECOVERY: SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE
DIVINE WORSHIP**

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Preacher: Pastor Sean A. Davis
(President, MCCA Youth)

Liturgist: Rev'd Halton Hill - Secretary, District
Young Adult Work Commission (DYAWC)

Organist: Sis. Marcia Cohen (Red Hills Congregation)

Drummer: Bro. Michael Beecher (Mt. Fletcher Circuit)

Choristers:

- Sis. Kemone Bryan (Pembroke Hall Congregation)
- Sis. Kerry-Ann Sadler (Asst. Secretary, DYWC)
- Sis. Durene Tavares (Secretary, MCCA Youth)
- Pastor Sean A. Davis (President, MCCA Youth)
- Rev'd Halton Hill (Secretary, DYAWC)

District President: Bishop the Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
District Conference Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!