**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**CENTERING SONG: “Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart”** *– Smith Eustace Henry Jr.*

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)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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, hesitancies, 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” *(VIP #16)***

**PRAYER OF ADORATION:**

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**

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’** *– Donnie McClurkin*

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

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)*

**ASURANCE OF PARDON:**

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”**

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**

**MCCA YOUTH PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**TIME OF SHARING: Youth & Young Adults**

* **SPECIAL SELECTION/ITEM(s)** *– Youth & Young Adults*

**TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP** *(Led by Youth/Young Adults Praise Team)*

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Jeremiah 30:12-17

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Hymn of Preparation:**Wonderful Words of Life -***(Lyrics & Music by Philip P. Bliss)*

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.***

Christ, the blessèd 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)*

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)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:28-30**

**SERMON**

**THE RESPONSE**

**Hymn of Commitment: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD” *(VIP #151a)***

**ALTAR MINISTRY/CALL TO COMMITMENT/ PRAYER**

**MCCA YOUTH IN FOCUS**

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.

**Y/YA: MCCA YOUTH PLEDGE:**

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.

**NOTICES** *(Sharing of Opportunities for Service)*

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

**OFFERTORY SONG:** Play/Sing **“The Story I’ll Tell” (feat. Naomi Raine)** –*Maverick City Music* or **“Wait on You”** – *Elevation Worship & Maverick City*

*(Alternately,* ***A Special Selection*** *may be done during the collection of the tithes & offering)*

**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.

*(A period is to be allowed for designated/assigned youth and young adults to engage in intercession as they are led, after which the liturgist may offer a final prayer and lead the congregation in the praying of The Lord’s prayer.)*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAS**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT**

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**MCCA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS LORD’S DAY 2021**

**26th Lord’s Day after Pentecost**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a.m./p.m.**

## Theme:

## “ROAD TO RECOVERY: SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE”

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**Liturgist:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Musicians:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Steward(s) on duty:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



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**MCCA YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2019-2023)** and the Districts from which they come are listed below. Find us if we haven’t found you yet! 😊

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**All Methodist youth and young adults are members of MCCA Youth.**

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**#mccayouth**

**#RoadToRecovery**

**#Spiritual Resilience**

**Remember to follow MCCA Youth @mccayouth on social media (Instagram, Twitter & Facebook) and use the above hashtags when posting things from today’s worship encounter.**

**Email us your thoughts and suggestions:** **mymccayouth@gmail.com** OR **president.mccayouth@gmail.com**

**Closing Hymn: WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD IN THE STORMS OF LIFE? *(VIP #344)***

**SENDING FORTH**

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.***

**SPRITUAL 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. Please tag @mccayouth and use any of the following hashtags:**

* #**MCCAYYLD2021**
* **#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.