

Order of Worship

L: Welcome to another broadcast of Methodist Voices in Word and Song. Today, we commemorate the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to open your hearts and join us in worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You are with us, God of sunrises

P: You awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.

L: You are with us, Inviting God:

P: Calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.

L: You are with us, Glory of God:

P: Gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts Amen

HYMN: 'Immortal Invisible, God only Wise...' [# 13 VIP]

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| 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. | And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee. |
| 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. | 4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. |
| 3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, | 5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
<i>Walter C. Smith (1824—1908)</i> |

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

L: Gracious and faithful God we bless you and acknowledge your sustaining grace as we worship you today... Merciful Father we can become so burned out by our hectic days that we lose sight of the One who gives us life. We can become so

impatient waiting for God to astound us with wonders, when we have the simple pleasure of each day. In these quiet moments, away from all those things which distract us, let us bring our brokenness to the One who listens to our hearts, and heals our souls. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, AMEN.

Hymn 'When we Walk with The Lord...' [# 278a VIP vs. 1 and 4]

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| 1. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey: | To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey. | 4. But we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour he shows,
And the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey:
<i>John H. Sammis (1846-1919)</i> |
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- Refrain:**
**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The promise is true--God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

P: Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Holy and loving God - whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus - who lets us see your face in his, who shows us your love in his actions, your grace in his manner of being. In him too, O

God, we see ourselves as you would have us be and as your power is able to make us. We thank you Lord that in the midst of our dark moments your presence continues to be with us, Your Light continues to lead us into places of hope and Your voice gives us the assurance that you are Abba Father. Here we give thanks to you our God who holds our present and future is in your hands Amen.

SELECTION

CHILDREN'S FOCUS (*Puppetry*) - Bro. Victor McSweeney

TIME OF PRAISE

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

ALL: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 34: 29—35 - Bro. Keith Nelson
(*Lyndhurst Circuit*)

RESPONSIVE PSALM 99

Led by: Rev'd Michael Graham

- L: ¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- R: ²The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- L: ³Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- R: ⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- L: ⁵Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- R: ⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- L: ⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- R: ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

L: ⁹Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

THE GLORIA

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

HYMN: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus [# 173 VIP]

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| 1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free! | 1. Thru death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conq'rors we are! |
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Refrain:
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. His word shall not fail you he promised;
Believe him and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Helen H. Lemmel
(1864-1961)*

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-36

SERMON - Rev'd Stephen Mullings (*Superintendent,
Minister, Spanish Town Circuit*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE: 'Stay, Master...this Heavenly Hill...' [# 324 VIP]

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| 1. Stay, Master, stay upon this heavenly hill;
A little longer, let us linger still;
With all the mighty ones of old beside,
Near to the awful Presence still abide;
Before the throne of light we trembling stand,
And catch a glimpse into the spirit-land. | 2. Stay, Master, stay! We breathe a purer air;
This life is not the life that waits us there;
Thoughts, feelings, flashes, glimpses come and go;
We cannot speak them—nay, we do not know;
Wrapt in this cloud of light we seem to be
The thing we fain would grow—eternally. |
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3. No, says the Lord, the hour is past, we go;
Our home, our life, our duties lie below.
While here we kneel upon the mount of prayer,
The plough lies waiting in the furrow there.
Here we sought God that we might know his will;
There we must do it, serve him, seek him still.

Samuel Grea (1804—1876)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Please see Insert*)

L: The Lord be with you
P: **And also with you**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN 'My heart is Fixed Eternal God ...' [# 229 VIP]

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| 1. My heart is Fixed, Eternal God,
Fixed on thee:
And my immortal choice is made:
Christ for me.
He is my Prophet, Priest, and King,
Who did for me salvation bring;
And while I've breath I mean to sing:
Christ for me. | Christ for me.
The Father's well-beloved Son,
Co-partner of his royal throne,
Who did for human guilt atone;
Christ for me. |
| 2. In him I see the Godhead shine;
Christ for me.
He is the Majesty Divine; | 3. In pining sickness or in health,
Christ for me,
In deepest poverty or wealth,
Christ for me.
And in that all-important day,
When I the summons must obey,
And pass from this dark world away,
Christ for me. |

Richard Jukes (1804-67)

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

L: God sends us from this sacred space.
P: **We will go to share the good news of grace, to offer healing to the broken.**
L: Jesus would not have us stay here forever.
P: **We will go to find our sisters and brothers in the valleys of injustice and the neighborhoods of addiction.**
L: The Spirit fills us with the gifts we need as we leave.
P: **We will go to help rebuild the lives of those around us, to share feasts of hope and peace with everyone AMEN!**

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and the Americas (MCCA)

JAMAICA DISTRICT

DISTRICT THEME:

*"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...
Beginning with Me"*

Sub Theme:

*"Building a Resilient People: Church, Community and
Nation"*

METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG

TELEVISION MINISTRY



Transfiguration Lord's Day

Sunday, February 27, 2022

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!