

Order of Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

L: Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

CHORAL INTROIT: “Be Still and Know”

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| 1. <i>Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.</i> | 2. <i>In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.</i> |
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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As we enter into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, and that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

C: **We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!**

OPENING HYMN: “Come We That Love the Lord” [# 238 VIP 1—3, 6]

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| 1. Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet
accord,
And thus surround the throne: | 3. Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly
King
May speak their joys abroad. |
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Refrain:

***We’re marching to Zion
Beautiful, beautiful Zion
We’re marching upward to
Zion
That beautiful city of God.***

2. The sorrows of the mind
Be banished from the place;
Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: O Lord God, the source of all our being, we your children who have been redeemed and washed in the precious and atoning blood of your beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

praise and adore you. We bow before you in amazement and reverence praising and magnifying your most Holy and matchless name. With the same faith and perseverance with which the Canaanite woman cried out to you for help, we too acknowledge that you are Lord and there is no one like you. We join with the heavenly host expressing our praise and adoration proclaiming, what a mighty God we serve!

May your Holy Spirit fill and transform our lives, uniting us in your love. In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for his forgiveness.

(a few moments of silence will be observed)

L: Lord God and Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you, and against each other, in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole being, and we have failed to love our neighbours as ourselves.

P: *Forgive us merciful God, and help us to hold fast in everything we do and say, may it all be in accordance to your Holy Will.*

L: Merciful God, we sometimes let pride and arrogance overtake us, forgetting for a moment, who we are, and most of all who you are. However, when life crushes us bringing us down on our knees, we find just like the Canaanite woman, in great anxiety and desperation, we have no one to turn to but You.

P: *Forgive us merciful God, and help us to hold fast in everything we do and say, may it all be in accordance to your Holy Will.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

L: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we all have fallen short from God’s Grace. Hear now the good news, through God’s Amazing Love in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness! To all who come in humbleness seeking God’s mercy, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. Therefore, be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another. By God’s amazing grace through Jesus Christ, He forgives us and sets us free.

P: AMEN. THANKS BE TO GOD.

MCCA WOMEN PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

(from Mrs. Jennifer Smith, President, MCCA Women)

*Read by: Sis. Pat Newell Pennant
(Acting Secretary MCCA Women)*

HYMN: “Help Us Accept Each Other...”

(MCCA Women Hymn of Acceptance)

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| 1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live. | 3. Let your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness,
And laughter's healing art. |
| 2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,
or as they may become. | 4. Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit,
Lord, free us, make us one! |

Fred Kaan

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

- Bro. Victor McSweeney

HYMN: “When Mothers of Salem” [# 486 VIP]

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 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 your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 2:1-10

- Sis. Winsome Lynch

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 112 (VIP # 631)

- L: ¹Praise the LORD!
Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- R: ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L: ³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
- R: ⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- L: ⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

- R: ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
- L: ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- R: ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- L: ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.
- R: ¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

THE GLORIA

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

THE EPISTLE: Acts 18:1-4; 18-28 - Sis. Prudence Brown
(President, Women's League,
Jamaica District)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28 - Dr. the Rev'd Alison Iton
(Minister, Providence Circuit)

THE MESSAGE: - Dr. the Rev'd Alison Iton
(Minister, Providence Circuit)

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**ALL: I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

THE RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP (led by the Congregational Steward)
(Anthem or item, greetings, courtesies, congratulations,
condolences, announcements and offerings)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Please see Insert*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER [# 26 VIP]

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
Hallowed be thy name
On the earth as it is in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name
Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be thy name
And forgive us all our trespasses
Hallowed be thy name
Only as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
Hallowed be thy name
And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from all that is evil.
Hallowed be thy name
For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory
Hallowed be thy name
Forever and ever, for ever and ever
Hallowed be thy name
Amen! Amen! it shall be so.
Hallowed be thy name
Amen! Amen! it shall be so.
Hallowed be thy name.

The Lord's Prayer Adap. By:
J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-)
and Verloga Nix (1933-)

CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus I Have Promised..." [# 272 VIP]

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING:

L: As we prepare to go, let us open our ears to the words of the
James, the brother of Jesus:

"Where's the value, my sisters and brothers, if one of you
claims to have lots of faith yet has no deeds to show for it?
Can such a 'faith' save him? If there is a member of the
church family whose clothes are threadbare and who has no
food, and one of you says to them: Have a nice day. Keep
yourself warm and enjoy a good dinner." yet does nothing to
meet their bodily needs, where is there value in that? Faith
without deeds is dead."

Also, open your ears to the blessing as we declare it to each
other:

**ALL: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and
evermore. AMEN!**






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

JAMAICA DISTRICT

Connexional Theme:

**FACING THE TASK UNFINISHED: "PRESSING
FORWARD WITH CHRIST"**

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**

MCCA WOMEN'S LORD'S DAY

MOTTO: SINCERITY IN SERVICE

Sunday, June 26, 2022

DIVINE WORSHIP

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

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(Minister, Providence Circuit)

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District Conference Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers on
this blessed MCCA Women's Lord's Day!*