**Order of Worship**

**Introit: ‘Let all the World…’ [# 10 V.I.P] – District Chorale**

**Call to Worship**

L: Creator God of heaven and earth.

**C: Holy is Your name.**

L: We come to worship you today. Inspire us through your songs.

**C: Enfold us as Your community**

L: Embrace us with a vision so strong that we will go from here with good news for all people.

**Hymn: ‘Angel Voices, Ever Singing’ [# 370 VIP vs. 1, 2 and 5]**

1. Angel voices, ever singing  
   Round thy throne of light,  
   Angel harps, for ever ringing,  
   Rest not day nor night;  
   Thousands only live to bless thee,  
   And confess thee Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
   Mortal eye can scan,  
   Can it be that thou regardest  
   Songs of sinful man?

Can we know that thou art near us  
And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

1. Honour, glory, might, and merit  
   Thine shall ever be,  
   Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
   Blessèd Trinity.  
   Of the best that thou hast given  
   Earth and heaven render thee. Amen.

***Francis Pott* (1832-1909)**

**Prayer of Adoration:**

L: Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down. What a privilege it is to assemble in your name.

**C: You are worthy of all praise.**

L: Give us a special anointing of Your Holy Spirit so that as we join together in worship, we will be in one accord.

**C: We want to worship You in spirit and in truth.**

L: Your investment in us being fearfully and wonderfully made leaves us in awe

**C: We adore You, we praise You.**

L: O Lord, Our Lord, highly exalted. Accept our praises as we give You the honour and glory due.

**ALL: We pray in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

L: Forgiving Father, we come humbly admitting that our best efforts to lovingly serve You and our neighbours have again fallen short. Our well delivered messages have mostly been within the four walls of our chapels. We then head back to our homes, communities and workplaces where we get careless in continuing the message of a Christian lifestyle that speaks louder and clearer than our words.

O God, help us to be more sensitive to the promptings of your indwelling Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to make meaningful use of opportunities afforded us, especially in these moments of chaos and confusion. Your word declares that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us from our unrighteousness and cleanse us from our sins.

**ALL: Amen, thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: Our Hearts overflow with joy and thanksgiving to You, o God, as we join in singing.

**Hymn:** ‘**Sweet Hour of Prayer’ [# 289 VIP]**

1. Sweet hour of prayer!  
   Sweet hour of prayer!  
   That calls me from a world of care,   
   And bids me at my Father’s throne  
   Make all my wants and   
   wishes known.   
   In seasons of distress and grief,   
   My soul has often found relief,   
   And oft escaped the   
   tempter’s snare   
   By thy return, sweet hour   
   of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer!  
   Sweet hour of prayer!  
   The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
   Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
   With strong desires for thy return!  
   With such I hasten to the place

Where God my Saviour   
shows his face,  
And gladly take my station there,  
And wait for thee, sweet   
hour of prayer!

1. Sweet hour of prayer!   
   Sweet hour of prayer!  
   Thy wings shall my petition bear  
   To him whose truth and faithfulness  
   Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
   And since he bids me seek  
    his face,  
   Believe his word, and trust  
    his grace,  
   I’ll cast on him my every care,  
   And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

**William Walford   
 (1772—1850)**

**Children and Youth Focus**

L: Jesus, we thank You that children were involved in your earthly ministry. You used a little child as an example, clearly stating that unless we change and become like children, we will never enter the kingdom of heaven.  
The age of technology has widened their choices for entertainment and it is urgent that we seek ways to reach them for you. In Jesus’ name we Pray. **AMEN.**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The Collect**

**ALL: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**Old Testament: Amos 7: 7 – 17 – Bro. Keith Nelson**

**Responsive Reading**: **Psalm 82 (VIP # 614)**

*Led by:*  **Sis. Marcia Tavares** *(Spanish Town Circuit)*

L: 1God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**R: 2“How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah***

L: **3**Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**R: 4Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

L: **5**They have neither knowledge nor understanding;  
they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**R: 6I say, “You are gods,  
children of the Most High, all of you;**

L: **7**nevertheless, you shall die like mortals  
and fall like any prince.”

**R: 8Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
for all the nations belong to you!**

**The Gloria**

**Epistle:** **Colossians 1: 1 – 14 – Bro. Paul Thorbourne**

**Hymn: ‘Come, Thou Everlasting Spirit’ [# 427 VIP]**

1. Come, thou everlasting Spirit,   
   Bring to every thankful mind  
   All the Saviour's dying merit,  
   All his sufferings for mankind:
2. True recorder of his passion,  
   Now the living faith impart,  
   Now reveal his great salvation,  
   Preach his gospel to our heart.
3. Come, thou witness of his dying;  
   Come, remembrancer divine,  
   Let us feel thy power, applying  
   Christ to every soul, and mine.

***Charles Wesley*   
(1707-88)**

**Gospel: Luke 10: 25 – 37 - Rev’d Shane Hansel**

*(Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)*

**Sermon: - Rev’d Shane Hansel**

*(Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)*

**Hymn of Response: ‘My Saviour, How Shall I Proclaim’ [# 230 VIP]**

1. MY Saviour, how shall I proclaim,  
   How pay the mighty debt I owe?  
   Let all I have, and all I am,  
   Ceaseless to all thy glory show.
2. Too much to thee I cannot give;  
   Too much I cannot do for thee;  
   Let all thy love, and all thy grief,  
   Grav'n on my heart for ever be.

***Paul Gerhardt* (1607-76)**

***trans. by John Wesley*   
(1703-91**

* **Announcements / Offertory/ Blessing of Tithes and Offering**

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: The Lord be with You.

**R: And also with You**

L: God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence knowing that you will hear and answer.  
We pray for the world You created and the people who share it with us; for countries caught up in war and violent conflict; for the economic crisis in the world and the hardships it is creating for your people.

**R: Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We remember those who are oppressed and neglected; the homeless and the destitute; those who have no one to care for them; those who face the pain and grief at the loss of loved ones. Help us to give wholehearted support in practical ways and in prayer.

**R: Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We pray for our country Jamaica. Grant wisdom to our leaders as they seek Your will in doing what is right. We remember our people who are unemployed, hungry, abused physically, mentally and emotionally.

**R: Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Comfort those who are struggling with their faith. Grant wisdom to those who minister among us. Keep us faithful to the call we have received. In Christ Jesus, our Lord, we pray.

**R: Have mercy upon us, O God.**

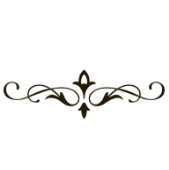
**The Lord’s Prayer**

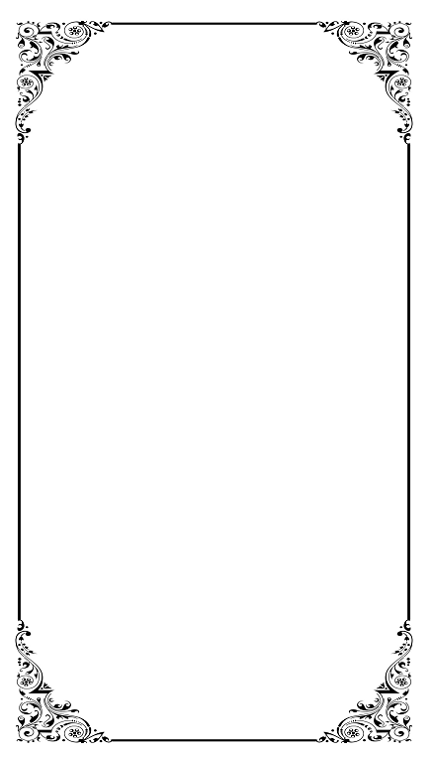
**Hymn: ‘A Charge to Keep I have’ [# 315 VIP]**

1. A Charge to keep I have,   
   A God to glorify,   
   A never-dying soul to save,   
   And fit it for the sky:
2. To serve the present age,   
   My calling to fulfil:   
   O may it all my powers engage   
   To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,   
   As in thy sight to live;   
   And O thy servant, Lord, prepare   
   A strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,   
   And on thyself rely,   
   Assured, if I, my trust betray,   
   I shall for ever die.

**Charles Wesley   
(1707—1788) alt.**

**Benediction**



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***“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**

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**DIVINE WORSHIP  
5th Lord’s Day after Pentecost**

**Officiating Clergy:**

**Preacher: Rev’d Shane Hansel**(Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)

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**Organist: Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

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| * **Sis. Fay Bowen-Nelson** | * **Bro. Orville Manning** |
| * **Sis. Marcia Cohen** | * **Bro. Keith Nelson** |
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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*