

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You have been raised with Christ;

R: May we seek the way of God, and not worldly measures of success.

L: Set your minds on things that are above,

R: For wealth and fame will fade and pass away.

L: Put to death the worldly ways in your life: greed, envy, idolatry.

R: For Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

L: Enter this time of worship for rest and renewal;

R: In Christ, we are remade in the image of our Creator, for we worship God, to whom we all belong.

HYMN: 'Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound' [# 162 VIP]

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| 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. |
| 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed. | 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace. |
| 3. Through many dangers, toils,
and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | 6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing
God's praise
than when we first begun. |

John Newton (1725—1807)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: Let us acknowledge the greatness and majesty of God as we offer our humble adoration:
Blessed are you, almighty Father, sovereign ruler of all creation:

R: We glorify and adore you.

L: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ, loving Saviour of the world:

R: We glorify and adore you.

L: Blessed are you, eternal Spirit, gracious source of light and life:

R: we glorify and adore you. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of endless power and might, we praise your name forever and ever.

L: God is ready to satisfy those who thirst for goodness, and those who are hungry for grace, we will be filled with good things. Let us in prayer make our confession AND TRUST IN SAVING GRACE.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We confess to You, our Creator, that we have created idols of wealth, fame, and other measures of worldly success. We have sought to have more, to gain more, to be more to others, instead of humbling ourselves before You. You made this world and gave us all we need, and called us to share our resources with our neighbours, to love one another. We have abandoned Your ways and sought our own. We have put our trust in the world rather than in You. We have allowed selfishness and greed into our hearts and betrayed our neighbors whom we were called to love. Forgive us for this warped understanding of life. Forgive us for our skewed vision. Forgive us for disregarding Your commandments and living into this world. Call us back into Your reign. May we put to death the ways of this world that have invaded our hearts and lives, and live again in Your image. May we renew Your intention in our lives to love our neighbours as ourselves, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy. All who have come clean and sought forgiveness. You are forgiven, all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus our Saviour!

R: O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!

L: Let us give thanks for the many things that are priceless.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

We thank you, our Creator and Redeemer, for the host of things that money cannot buy. The Sunrise on a cold morning; For the pleasure of waking refreshed after a night of uninterrupted rest.

Familiar faces that smile a greeting; A wave from a neighbour or a surprise visit from an old friend. For the Christ who came among us with a zest for abundant life. His saving grace which pays the highest price that we might truly live.

We thank you, our Creator and Redeemer, for joys so are not just good luck but your gifts to a much-blessed people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord **AMEN!**

PRAISE TIME

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

HYMN: 'In Loving Kindness Jesus Came' [# 171 VIP]

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| 1. In loving-kindness Jesus came,
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Through grace he lifted me. | 3. His brow was pierced with many a thorn
His hands by cruel nails were torn,
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,
In love he lifted me. |
| 2. He called me long before I heard,
Before my sinful heart was stirred;
But when I took him at his word,
Forgiven he lifted me. | 4. Now on a higher plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know 'tis well;
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me. |

Refrain:

From sinking sand he lifted me;

With tender hand he lifted me;

From shades of night to plains of light

O praise his name, he lifted me!

Charles H. Gabriel (1866-1932)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

ALL: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT: Hosea 11:1-11 - Sis. Nadine Ivey

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (VIP # 629)

L: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

R: ²Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

L: ³those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

R: ⁴Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

L: ⁵They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

R: ⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: ⁷He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

R: ⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

L: ⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.
R: ⁴³ **Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.**

THE GLORIA

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
P: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. AMEN.**

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:12 -14 - Sis. Collette Chai

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 - Rev'd Audrey Knott
(Minister, Portmore Circuit)

SERMON: - Rev'd Claude Samuels (Superintendent Minister,
Lyndhurst and Manchioneal Circuits)

HYMN: 'Blessèd Assurance, Jesus is Mine' [# 235 VIP]

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| 1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory
divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of
God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in
his blood: | Visions of rapture burst on
my sight;
Angels descending, bring
from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of
love:

3. Perfect submission, all is at
rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and
blest—
Watching and waiting,
looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost
in his love: |
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- Refrain:**
*This is my story,
This is my song,
Praising my Saviour
All the day long.*
2. Perfect submission, perfect
delight, **Frances J. van Alstyne**
(1820-1915)

❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS /OFFERTORY/ DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERING**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

L: Let us bring the needs of other people before the throne of grace.
Father of everlasting goodness, our Creator and Guide, be close to
us and hear the prayers of all who praise You. Forgive us when we
forget to trust You to provide us with every blessing in this life.
Help us not to seek things for ourselves, but with Your help to
provide for all in need. Restore us to life, Lord, and keep us safe
in Your Love . . . Lord hear our prayer

R: And look upon us with your favour

L: Giver of all good gifts: Teach us to treasure Christ and His grace
above all earthly possessions. Help us to continually cast our lot
with life and not with death; with grace and not with judgement,
with love and not with hate, with giving and not with receiving,

with praising and not being praised, with trusting and with fear....
Lord hear our prayer

R: And look upon us with your favour

L: Loving Father - At this time we pray for blessing to be upon
others that you would reach out through your spirit - using us or
others - or simply using your invisible hand – bring to pass that
which they most need in their lives right now. Lord hear our
prayer

R: And look upon us with your favour

L: Hear Oh God as well this day our personal thanksgivings for your
answers to our prayers and for all the good things you have
blessed us with even when we have been walking through the
valley of the shadow of death. Hear our hymns of praise, our
heartfelt whispers of gratitude..... We pray to you through
Christ Jesus. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 'And Can It Be' [# 188 VIP]

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| 1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's
blood?
Died he for me, who caused
his pain?
For me, who him to death
pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst
die for me! | And bled for Adam's helpless 'Tis
mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and
nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a
quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed
with light,
My chains fell off, my heart
was free,
I rose, went forth, and
followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness
divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through
Christ, my own. |
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- Charles Wesley (1707-88)*
2. 'Tis mystery all! the
Immortal dies:
Who can explore his
strange design?
In vain the first-born
seraph tries
To sound the depths of
love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds enquire no more.
3. He left his Father's throne
above—
So free, so infinite his grace—
Emptied himself of all but love,
race.

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DISTRICT THEME:

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

Sub Theme

*“Building a Resilient People:
Church, Community and Nation”*

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8th Lord's Day after Pentecost

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Claude Samuels
(Superintendent Minister, Lyndhurst and
Manchioneal Circuits)

Liturgist: Rev'd Audrey Knott
(Minister, Portmore Circuit)

Organist: Sis. Collette Chai

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

A warm welcome to all worshippers!