

# Order of Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: People of faith, wherever you are, give praise to the holy name of God!
- P: Blessed be God's matchless name at this time forth and even forevermore.**
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's name is to be lifted up through hymns, psalms and other musical tributes.
- P: Indeed, our God is supreme among all living beings and is worthy of our entire praise.**
- L: People of faith, let us therefore stand and worship God
- P: We rise now to bless God's holy name, and in so doing we know that we too are being blessed.**

## HYMN: 'We Gather Together to Ask the Lord...' [# 15 VIP]

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| 1. WE gather together to ask<br>the Lord's blessing;<br>he chastens and hastens<br>his will to make known.<br>The wicked oppressing<br>now cease from<br>distressing.<br>Sing praises to his name;<br>he forgets not his own. | thou, Lord, wast at our<br>side, all glory be thine!  |
| 2. Beside us to guide us, our<br>God with us joining,<br>ordaining, maintaining his<br>kingdom divine;<br>so from the beginning the<br>fight we were winning;   | 3. We all do extol thee, thou<br>leader triumphant,<br>and pray that thou still our<br>defender wilt be.<br>Let thy congregation<br>escape tribulation;<br>thy name ever be praised!<br>O Lord, make us free! |
- Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck  
(1626)  
Trans. by Theodore Baker  
(1851-1934)**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L: Omnipotent, all powerful God, we acknowledge that from the beginning of time You exercised control over the universe. Vast in size it may be for us human beings, but not too extensive for You, as its Creator, to manage. We marvel at Your intimate familiarity with ever aspect of it. We are amazed that You allow us to treat this world as our home. We feel privileged that we have been given the rights to dwell and enjoy its various aspects. We are therefore justified in directing our love and admiration towards You. Your generosity far exceeds what we as Your children will

ever be able to give to others. You, O God, are worthy of all the honour, glory and majesty now being showered upon You. Accept this our sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: God of mercy, by whose permission we are pleased to dwell in Your space, our hearts bleed because we have not been living in accordance with the laws that You set before us. We have wandered far away, have broken Your commandments, and instead of adhering to the moral values that emerge from Your holy Word, we have forced alien rules and regulations, claiming divine approval for them. In pleading ignorance and weakness, we ask that You will forgive us for these our shortcomings. Pardon us wherein we have refused to do that which lies in our power to gladden the hearts of those among whom we live and work. In confessing these and other faults, we pray that You would help us in our resolve never to make the same mistakes again, but move resolutely toward words and deeds that may be pleasing to You. **Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

- L: It is to our satisfaction we can affirm that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We hear again His gracious words of assurance. Your sins are forgiven.
- P: Amen, thanks be to God.**

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

### HYMN VIP #163

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| 1. BREAK thou the bread of life, O<br>Lord, to me,<br>As you did break the loaves<br>beside the sea.<br>Beyond the sacred page I seek<br>you Lord;<br>My spirit pants for you, O living<br>Word! | Teach me to love your truth,<br>for you are love.  |
| 2. You are the Bread of Life, O<br>Lord, to me,<br>Your holy word the truth that<br>saves e'en me;<br>Give me to eat and live with you<br>above;   | 3. O send your Spirit, Lord, now<br>unto me,<br>That he may touch my eyes,<br>and make me see;<br>Show me the truth concealed<br>within your word,<br>And in your book revealed I see<br>the Lord. |
- Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913) v. 1  
Alexander Groves (1842-1909)  
vv. 2 and 3*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

### COLLECT

**ALL: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 4: 11 – 12, 22 – 28 – Sis. Chenee Riley

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 14

*Led by: The Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain*

*(Supernumerary Minister, Providence Circuit)*

- L: <sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.
- R: <sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**
- L: <sup>3</sup>They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good, no, not one.
- R: <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?**
- L: <sup>5</sup>There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.
- R: <sup>6</sup>You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.**
- L: <sup>7</sup>O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

## THE GLORIA

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

### EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 – Sis. Barbara Hylton

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1 – 10** -  
**P: “Glory to you, O God!”**

*(After the reading of the Gospel):*

**L:** This is the Gospel of Christ

**P:** Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

**HYMN: ‘Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...’ [# 173 VIP]**

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| 1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?<br>No light in the darkness you see?<br>There’s light for a look at the Saviour,<br>And life more abundant and free! | 2. Thru death into life everlasting<br>He passed, and we follow him there;<br>Over us sin no more hath dominion<br>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.*

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| 3. His word shall not fail you he promised;<br>Believe him and all will be well:<br>Then go to a world that is dying,<br>His perfect salvation to tell! |
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*Helen H. Lemmel  
(1864-1961)*

**SERMON** - **The Rev’d I. Michael Llewellyn**  
*(Superintendent Minister, Beechamville/  
Bensonton Circuit)*

- ❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ❖ **OFFERTORY**
- ❖ **BLESING OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN VIP #196**

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me;  
How he left his home in glory,  
For the Cross on Calvary:

**Refrain:**  
*Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me—  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

2. I was lost; but Jesus found me—  
Found the sheep that went astray;  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way:

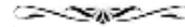
3. I was bruised; but Jesus healed me:  
Faint was I from many a fall;  
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me:  
But he freed me from them all:

4. Days of darkness still come o’er me;  
Sorrow’s paths I often tread:  
But the Saviour still is with me,  
By his hand I’m safely led.

5. He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then he’ll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

**Francis H. Rawley (1854—1952)**

**BENEDICTION**



The Methodist Church in the Caribbean  
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**



**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Fourteenth Lord’s Day after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**OFFICIATING:**

**Preacher:** **Rev’d I. Michael Llewellyn**  
*(Superintendent Minister, Beechamville/  
Bensonton Circuit)*

**Liturgist:** **Rev’d Dr. George Mulrain**  
*(Supernumerary Minister, Providence Circuit)*

**Organist:** **Rev’d Stanley Griffin**  
*(Supt. Minister, Watsonville Circuit)*

**Choristers:** *(Members of the Methodist Chorale)*

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| • <b>Sis. Fay Bowen-Nelson</b> | • <b>Sis. Shirley Richards</b> |
| • <b>Sis. Cecille Davis</b>    | • <b>Sis. Chenee Riley</b>     |
| • <b>Sis. Barbara Hylton</b>   | • <b>Bro. Orville Manning</b>  |
| • <b>Sis. Marjorie McCalla</b> | • <b>Bro. Paul Thorbourne</b>  |

**District Bishop:** Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche  
**District Conference Secretary:** Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers on this  
glorious Sunday!*