

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 146)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God.

P: **Our God upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free; he opens the eyes of the blind and he lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: **The Lord cares for the stranger and sustains the widow and the orphan.**

L: Our God loves the righteous, but the ways of the wicked, he brings to nothing.

P: **I will exalt the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

OPENING 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. |

Walter C. Smith (1824—1908)

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Glorious God, Creator of heaven and earth. Your handiwork is all around us. Help us to see it. Glorious God, you are the Saviour of the lost, you are our light and salvation. Help us to

abide in you. Glorious God, you are the Spirit of Truth, you transform the lives of your people. Give us your grace to overcome our frailties and failings. Indeed, as we gather to worship you today, we ask that you would keep us from those things that may harm us. Guide us in the way of righteousness, compassion, and love. May our living render you praise, our actions exalt your most holy name, and our every deed provide hope to those we meet - hour by hour and day by day - both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray, when we do not see or recognize your gifts for what they are. Forgive us when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; Forgive us when we take what you give and beg you for more; Forgive us when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cries of those around us; Forgive us when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As you have blessed us, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: People of God; do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, who forgives us all.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

ALL: Eternal God, you are the foundation that enables everything we build to stand. You have given gifts to every woman here to bless and serve each other. You provide all your daughters with gifts to carry out the mission you have designed for us. Speak clearly to us as we meet today, so that we may discern your direction for our lives. Remind us that everything we need you provide. For these and other mercies we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME: The Congregational Steward

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: (from Mrs. Prudence Collins-Brown, President, District Women League)
Read by: Sis. Barbara Hylton

WOMEN’S LEAGUE PLEDGE:

WL: I accept the call of God to service, and trusting in His strength I offer myself for the work of the Women’s League in this

Church. In all things, it shall be my aim to share in the full life of Christ’s Church, and to seek through worship and work to know and do the will of God in my home, my Church and my community, so helping to establish His kingdom on earth.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS:

HYMN: “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” [# 489 VIP vs 1, 2, 5 & 6]

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| 1. Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me
If he were here;
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me. | 4. Into the city I'd follow
The children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm-tree
High in my hand;
One of his heralds,
Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas,
Jesus is King! |
| 2. First let me hear how
the children
Stood round his knee;
And I shall fancy his blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness,
Deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light
Of Jesu’s face. | 5. Show me that scene in the
garden,
Of bitter pain;
And of the cross where my
Saviour
For me was slain;
And, through the sadness, Help
me to see
How Jesus suffered
For love of me.
W. H. Parker (1845-1929) |

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

ALL: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 - Sis. Chenee Riley

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (VIP # 619)

Led by: Rev’d Charlene Burton (Minister, Providence Circuit)

- L: ¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
- R: ²will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”
- L: ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
- R: ⁴he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

- L: ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
- R: ⁶or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- L: ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
- R: ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
- L: ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

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.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 - Sis. Marcia Cohen

HYMN: "A Charge to Keep I Have" [# 315 VIP] or Special Item

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| 1. A Charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky: | 3. Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give! |
| 2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers
engage
To do my Master's will! | 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.**

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31 - 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 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 life everlasting. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER 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, Hallowed be thy name.	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.
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**The Lord's Prayer Adap. By:
J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-)
and Verloga Nix (1933-)**

CLOSING HYMN: "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus..." VIP # 339

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| 1. STAND up, Stand up for Jesus,
You soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victo'ry
His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed. | 3. Stand up, Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you;
You dare not trust your own.
Put on the Christian's armour,
And watching unto prayer
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there. |
| 2. Stand up, Stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day!
You that are his, now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose. | 4. Stand up, Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those that are victorious
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally. |
- George Duffield (1818-88)**

*(During the singing of this hymn, there will be a Walk-up
Offering for the Wesley Diaconal Community)*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING:

L: Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Jesus, - and God will shield you in every step and place, - may Christ Jesus keep you steady on every rough path, - and may the Holy Spirit go with you through every dark path; both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**The Methodist Church in the
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JAMAICA DISTRICT



District Theme:
*Spreading scriptural holiness to reform the nation...
beginning with me*

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

**METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY**

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LORD'S DAY

MOTTO: SINCERITY IN SERVICE

16th Lord's Day after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2022

DIVINE WORSHIP

Preacher: Dr. the Rev'd Alison Iton
(Minister, Providence Circuit)

Liturgist: Rev'd Charlene Burton
(Minister, Providence Circuit)

Organist: Sis. Marcia Cohen

Choristers:

- Sis. Fay Bowen-Nelson
- Sis. Marjorie McCalla
- Sis. Cecille Davis
- Sis. Chenee Riley
- Sis. Barbara Hylton

District President: Bishop Christine Gooden-Benguiche
District Conference Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

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