

Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Spirit of the Living God" -

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Brothers. Sisters, Truth-seekers, we find it easy to say, "Yes, we will follow Christ."

P: **But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.**

L: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

P: **He is present with us at all times.**

L: Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

P: **Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. AMEN.**

Hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" [# 392 VIP,1,3,6 and Doxology]

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| 1. And are we yet alive, And see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give For his redeeming grace! | 6. Let us take up the cross, Till we the crown obtain; And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain. |
| 3. What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed, Fighting without, and fears within, Since we assembled last! | Doxology Praise Ye the Lord Alleluia! Praise Ye the Lord Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Ye the Lord <i>Charles Wesley (1707-88)</i> |

PRAYER FOR PURITY

"Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord". Amen

THE ADORATION (Page 119 MPB)

L: Let us adore God, our loving Father, who created us, Who continually preserves and sustains us, who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: **We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

P: **You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

L: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God and are made members of the body of Christ, whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom enlightens us, whose power enables us, who wills to do more for us than we can ask or

think.

P: **All praise to you, O Holy Spirit**

(Silence will be observed)

HYMN "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD" [#294 VIP]

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| 1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still. | 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me! <i>Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934)</i> |
| 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Saviour today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow. | |

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God's loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God's people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you.

Amen! Thanks be to God

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 18:1-11 - Sis. Valerie Hinds

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (VIP # 652)

L: ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

L: ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: ¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

L: ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

P: ¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

L: ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

P: ¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

THE GLORIA...

The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

--- Sis. Lucette Cargill

The Gospel: St. Luke 14:25-33 --- Rev Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

SERMON:

--- BISHOP CHRISTINE GOODEN-BENGUCHE

SELECTION: "Help us Accept Each other"

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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 lesson 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! |

RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ TITHES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

A PRAYER FOR CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY

Forever God of new beginnings, Unchanging God, we give you praise and thanks for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.

We continue to celebrate God's faithfulness and to claim God's future as an autonomous conference within the one Holy Church since May 18, 1967. "What has God wrought!"

Baptize us afresh with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus! Make your Church the new humanity whose faith is at work in the world. Bid us cease from seeking our own life, lest we lose it, as we mount the path to higher glory."

May the Love of Christ constrain us; through Jesus Christ our Lord from whose heart His merciful graces and most precious blood still flow. And who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Pages 95-97 (MPB)

HYMN: "Let us Talent and Tongue Employ..." [#436 VIP]

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| 1. LET us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken, the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and heard. | 2. Christ is able to make us one, at his table he sets the tone, teaching people to live, to bless, love in word and in deed express. |
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Chorus:
*Jesus lives again
earth can breathe again
pass The Word around:
loaves abound!*

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| 3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share God Immanuel everywhere. Doreen Potter (1929-) |
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THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you

P: **And also with you.**

THE THANKSGIVING: (Pages 95-97)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross..." [#87VIP]

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. Follow the path on which our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

2. Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
Bears on his brow the seal of him who died:

6. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

M. R. Newbolt (1874-1956)

Receive the Benediction:

May the Lord bless you and perfect you

May the Lord smile on you and show you his favour.

May the Lord befriend you and prosper you.

The Blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with both now and evermore. Amen!



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JAMAICA DISTRICT

**METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
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13th Lord's Day After Pentecost

Sunday, September 4, 2022

**SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT**



OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Christine Gooden-Benguche
(District's President)

Liturgist: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane
(District's Secretary)

Accompanist: Sis. Melrose Davies

Choristers:

- Sis. Lucette Cargill
- Sis. Yvonne Brown
- Sis. Valerie Hinds
- Sis. Marie Miller
- Sis. Yvonne Patterson

Praise Team: Members of the 'Full Joy' Praise Team

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

A warm welcome to all worshippers!