Order of Service

**INTROIT: ‘Breathe on Me Breath of God’ [# 159 VIP]**

**- Saxthorpe Choristers**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou would’st do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity. Amen.

**Edwin Hatch (1835—189)**

**Call to Worship**

L: Sing with joy, you who have come from near and far!

**C: We sing to David’s God who restores, rebuilds, and re-establishes God’s remnants.**

L: Shout with a voice of triumph, you people of God!

**C: We shout with voices loud, hearts ablaze and spirits ready to receive God’s overflow for us.**

L: Praise the Lord, you who are often broken, confused, and detached.

**C: We praise God, whose presence is consistent, and whose faithfulness never fails.**

L: Stand like the mighty and chosen generation you are, for your hour has come to show forth the power of your God.

**C: We stand in the strength of our God who favours us, awaiting His blessing to restore and re-purpose us.**

**Opening Hymn: ‘Redeemed’ [# 92 VIP]**

1. Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!
2. Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die,
Redeemed, an ol’ Satan was standin’ by,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

1. Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown’,
Redeemed, on a broad road darkness-bound, Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!
2. Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

##### ***Adap. By: Barry Chevannes (1940—2010)***

**PRAYER OF ADORATION:**

L:  Almighty God, we bless Your name. We worship You as the All-knowing God and glorify You as our ever-present Father. We reverence You as the God who restores. We exalt You! We say, ***“Hallelujah to our God”****,* who fulfils His purpose in our lives! May Your name be glorified in and through this our act of worship, in Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon**

 **- Rev’d Kwane Russell**

 *(Superintendent Minister, Duncan’s Circuit)*

*(A time of silence is to be observed for personal prayers of confession)*

**Song: “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART” –** *Keith Green*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me. *(Rept.)*

***Cast me not away from Thy presence;
Take not Thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And renew a right spirit within me.***

**Youth Focus - Bro. Dane Morrison**(*Member, East Kingston Circuit)*

**Time of Praise: - Rev’d Kwane ‘T.P.’ Russell &**

 **Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect**

**ALL: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** **AMEN.**

**Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 1—14 - Sis. Valerie Hinds**

**Gospel: Mark 8:14-25 - Sis. Yvonne Brown**

**Sermon: - Rev’d Kwane ‘T.P.’ Russell**

 *(Superintendent Minister, Duncan’s Circuit)*

**Solo: ‘Higher Ground’ [vs. 1, 2 & 4] - Rev’d Kwane ‘T.P.’ Russell**

1. I’m pressing on the upward way,
New heights I’m gaining every day:
Still praying as I’m onward bound,
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

***Refrain:
Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith on Canaan’s tableland:
A higher plain than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.***

1. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound
My prayer my aim is higher ground.
2. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I’ll pray till rest I’ve found,
“Lord, lead me on to higher ground”.

**Hymn: Lord Make Us One’ [# 411 VIP]**

1. THROUGH the darkness
guiding surely,
Lord make us one;
Where the path lies hid obscurely,
Lord make us one;
Blind leads blind and our footsteps wander,
Off our way we pause and ponder,
Who shall lead us, who shall
teach us,
Lord make us one.
2. One in spirit, one in feeling,
Lord make us one;
Ancient quarrels gently healing,

Lord make us one;
Nations fight and they hate each other,
We desire to help our brother,
Hear our prayer for one another,
Lord make us one.

1. Let not fear nor pain restrain us,
Lord make us one;
Sin and self alone detain us,
Lord make us one;
Make us one, our sickness caring,
All our sinful burden bearing,
Be with us, our struggle sharing,
Lord make us one.

***Aloysius Church***

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

**Intercessory Prayer:**

L: Unifying God, we bring the Church before You, that you would look with compassion on Your church and reconcile all to You. Restoring God, we seek you…

**R:**  **Hear and restore us to Your fullness, and re-purpose us for Your mission.**

L: God of islands and mainland territories, we bring the many lands that form the Connexion, and we pray for Your restoration and healing to fill our lands. May our leaders be guided to serve the people in ways of justice, fairness, and mercy. Restoring God, we seek You…

**R:**  **Hear and restore us to Your fullness, and re-purpose us for Your mission.**

L: God of vision, we bring our youth and young Adults before You. We pray that You will provide them with renewed vision and purpose as You restore them to Yourself. May they seek to do Your will and please You in everything. Restoring God, we seek You…

**R:**  **Hear and restore us to Your fullness, and re-purpose us for Your mission.**

L: Healing God, we pray for Your touch and healing upon all who are sick or grieving. May they experience You as the God who restores and revives. Restoring God, we seek You…

**R:**  **Hear and restore us to Your fullness, and re-purpose us for Your mission.**

L: God of order, we bring our Connexional, District, Circuit, and Congregational leaders before You. Help them to serve You diligently and Your people in this present age. May they live out the purpose You have called them for in this season. Restoring God, we seek You…

**R:**  **Hear and restore us to Your fullness, and re-purpose us for Your mission.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: ‘Revive Thy Work, O Lord:’ [# 405 VIP vs 1,2, & 5]**

1. Revive thy work, O Lord;
create soul-thirst for thee;
And hungering for the
bread of life
O may our spirits be:
2. Revive thy work, O Lord,
And give refreshing showers;
The glory shall be all thine own,
The blessing, Lord, be ours:

**Albert Midlane (1825-1909)**

1. REVIVE thy work, O Lord;
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make thy people hear:

***Refrain:
Revive thy work, O Lord,***

***While here to thee we bow;***

***Descend, O gracious Lord, descend!***

***O come and bless us now.***

**Sending Forth**

L: Go forth into the world, as a people restored by God, from sin, barrenness, waste, detachment, uncertainty, hopelessness, and woe.

**C:** **We go, as a people restored by our Restoring God.**

L: Go forth into the world, as a people re-purposed by God, with certainty that God has a bright future in store for you, notwithstanding the tumultuous circumstances that impair your daily living.

**C:** **We go, as a people re-purposed by our God who designs and manifests the purpose for which we were created.**



District Council 2023

is coming SOON!

SAVE THE DATES!

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| Summary of Meeting Dates and Activities |
| **Day/Date** | **Event** |
| Thursday | Jan. 19, 2023 | * Ministerial Council (Saxthorpe)
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| Friday | Jan. 20, 2023 | * Representative Council *(Saxthorpe)*
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| Saturday | Jan. 21, 2023 | * Representative Council *(Saxthorpe)*
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| Sunday  | Jan. 22, 2023  | * Conference Lord’s Day (Morning worship in Congregations
* Official Conference Service *(Saxthorpe, 4:00 p.m.; select group -physically present; all others on Zoom & YouTube)*
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| Monday | Jan. 23, 2023 | * Ministerial Council *(Saxthorpe)*
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| Prayer Meetings Leading up to District Conference 2023 |
| **Day/Date** | **Start Time** |  |
| **Friday, December 9, 2022** | **7:00 pm** | **Zoom** |
| **Friday, December 16, 2022** | **7:00 pm**  | **Zoom** |
| **Friday, December 30, 2022** | **7:00 pm**  | **Zoom** |
| **Friday, January 6, 2023** | **7:00 pm** | **Zoom** |
| **Friday, January 13, 2023** | **7:00 pm** | **Zoom** |
| District Prayer Meeting |
| **Wednesday, January 18, 2023** | **7:00 pm** | **Zoom** |

Further Details will follow!



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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**

24th Lord’s Day after Pentecost

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**Officiating :**

**Preacher: Rev’d Kwane ‘T.P.’ Russell**

*(Superintendent Minister, Duncans & Falmouth Circuits)*

**Liturgist: Bro. Dane Morrison***(Member, East Kingston Circuit)*

**Organist: Sis. Collette Chai**

**Accompanist: Bro. Dane Morrison**

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| **Choristers:** |  |  |
| * **Sis. Yvonne Brown**
 |  | * **Sis. Marie Miller**
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| * **Sis. Lucette Cargill**
 |  | * **Sis. Yvonne Patterson**
 |
| * **Sis. Valerie Hinds**
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**Praise Leader: Rev’d Kwane Russell**

 **District Bishop**: Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche

 **District Secretary**: Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*