

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

8.30 A.M. – TENE JOSEPHS (M.I.T.)

Theme: **Out of the darkness into His marvellous Light**  
(Focus: Fears)

Introit- **ReGeneration Music**

### Introduction

As we gather for worship at home, at church or in groups wherever our space is created, or as individuals on social media, television, or internet let us join hearts and celebrate God who is in control of our lives.

We thank you for joining us this morning for this special service on this network for Worship. We gather at a time when the CORONA Virus is wreaking havoc in the world but we know nothing lasts forever. God alone is sufficient. We trust in His mercy and love.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### PSALM 23

**Leader:** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Cong:** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

**Leader:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Amen

Opening Hymn # 211 “**Leaning on the everlasting arms**”

### **PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING**

**Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace.**

**Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the beauty of your reign, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**L:** Gracious and merciful God,  
you see into the secret places of our hearts,  
where we mourn our sins.  
As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers.

**P:** **Look with mercy on our contrite hearts, wash from us the stain of iniquity, and create a new and right spirit in us, that we may declare your praise and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days;**  
through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

### WELCOME & NOTICES

TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP- PMC Praise team

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (video)**

**Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14 (Liturgist)**

**The Gospel: John 9:1-41 (preacher)**

### **THE MESSAGE**

**RESPONSE: ReGeneration Music**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** As the sick, the disabled, the outcast leper and the mentally disturbed were brought to Christ for healing, so we bring before the Lord in prayer the disease and suffering of our world and ask for healing and salvation.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we

ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus.

Grant them wisdom, knowledge, and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle. Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people. We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet!

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

**Leader:** God of Compassion, we ask for your intercession in this great time of need. Cover each of us with your mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

Leader: We pray for all those who work to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of nations, of communities, of families and of individuals. We pray for those who bear Christian witness to the salvation to be found through Christ Jesus, as they spread the gospel in word and action, through teaching and preaching, through loving and through healing the sad and the sick. We make this prayer through Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn # 118 'Because He lives'

#### THE BENEDICTION

#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES –

22<sup>nd</sup> – Jumane Salmon; 24<sup>th</sup> Michael Welsh;

25<sup>th</sup> Sis. Jacqueline Melbourne;

26<sup>th</sup> – Sis. Icelene Moncrieffe; 27<sup>th</sup> Sis. Francine Williams

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The church office will be open every day, **Mon.- Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Persons who wish to give their tithes and offerings in support of the work of the church may place them in a sealed, labelled envelope and drop off during those hours.

There will be **midweek Lenten meditation 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. (limited to a maximum of 20 persons total)** on Wednesday. All other regular meetings, practices and gatherings have been suspended in response to COVID-19 guidelines.

As a result of our restricted abilities to meet in person, several persons have been asking how they may continue to contribute tithes and offerings for the ongoing work of the church. One helpful suggestion is to go the route of *online giving*. For those who wish to use this method, the banking details for Providence Church are as follows:  
**Name of Bank- National Commercial Bank (NCB)**  
**Branch- Matilda's Corner**  
**Name of Account- Providence Methodist Church**  
**Account type- Chequing**  
**Account number- 371007857**

Contact the church office or digital outreach team for more information

In light of the public health efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, our worship will now be via stream only, online on **Sundays at 8:30am**. For your health and safety, please stay home and worship with us digitally. The url links listed are to the Providence Methodist website and Facebook page, where links of the live stream of Sunday morning services (past and present) can be found, and can be accessed from cell phone, tablet or laptop.

<https://www.providencemethodistja.com/live-stream-of-services> OR

<https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/>  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/videos/?ref=page_internal)

The order of service can also be found online on our website so that you can follow along live with us, or read through again after at your leisure. You can also send us prayer requests online on our website or via WhatsApp (to **876-563-2068**).

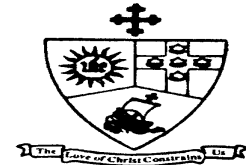
If you would also like to receive WhatsApp (or other electronic) updates on church happenings and the latest Ministry of Health and Wellness advisories (or know of someone else who would like this) contact the digital outreach team with your desired contact information. If you have an elderly relative, friend or class group member who you believe may enjoy watching the Sunday services, please help them to set up the stream, or contact us on the team and we will be happy to help.

For other church updates and schedules, please check our website at <https://www.providencemethodistja.com/>, our twitter page at **@PMCJamaica**, and our Instagram page Providence Methodist **@pmc\_jamaica**.

The Sunday School content for worship at home has also been posted to our website on the page with the orders of worship. Please prayerfully go through with your children after the service and during the coming week as we deal with the theme of **Overcoming Fear with God**.

*Providence Methodist Digital Outreach Team*

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## ***NOTICES***

### **DIVINE WORSHIP**

**4th LORD'S DAY IN LENT**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. – Tene Joseph (M.I.T.)**

#### **MUSICIANS**

*Bro. Godfrey Taylor*  
*Bro. Maxim Christmas*

#### **STEWARD ON DUTY:**

*Sis. Cesna McCain*