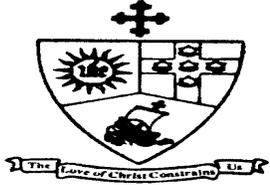


THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE  
CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS-  
JAMAICA DISTRICT PROVIDENCE  
CIRCUIT



District Theme:

*"SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS TO REFORM THE  
NATION ----BEGINNING WITH ME"*

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

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Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

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**ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL, 2020

AT 8:30 A.M.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

*Liturgist - Sis. Sharda Small*

*Preacher - MIT Sis. Tene Joseph*

Theme: **The saving blood of Jesus**

Introit (Seek ye first)- ReGeneration music

Call to worship- Liturgist

Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

**All: And rejoice for God hears our prayers!**

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

**All: And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!**

We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

**All: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!**

Opening song- **"Shine, Jesus Shine"**

Lord, the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness, shining

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us

Shine on me, shine on me

(Chorus)

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood I may enter your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness

Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving-

(Kale Williams, Providence)

As we gather for worship and fellowship, to refresh our souls and to sit awhile at your feet, Lord Jesus be our unity today. Take pleasure from all your experience of our love and faith, shared with each other, for your sake.

Lord God, we cannot begin to understand how wonderful you are. You have not only shown us a way of life – YOU are the way!- the way to God, the way to one another and the way of life. You are the giver of life – life abundant, life in the spirit and life eternal.

Loving God, help us to confess our sin; grant us the courage to examine ourselves candidly. Bring to mind the thoughts, words and deeds of this day which have made you displeased. (pause) Make us aware of any falseness in us. (pause) Help us to uncover the hidden motives which drive us, and to recognise the distorted images we have of your love. (pause) Have mercy on us; we are weak, often misunderstanding and failing to listen to your Spirit within. We confess all this, and our great need of your love. Confident in your commitment to us, we gladly share our frailty with you, our Redeemer, our Refuge and our Strength.

**All: Almighty God, We thank you for all we see of your own beauty in the world you have created, and in people's lives you are re-creating day by day. We thank you for the details of love which enrich our lives even when the going is difficult, and we thank you most particularly for your love to us in Jesus Christ who**

**gives us purpose and hope today, and for the future.  
Thank you, Lord.  
Amen**

Welcome + Notices

A teaching on “**Coping with Covid-19**”- tips from  
Psychologist Chaday Nelson

Ministry of the word:

- New testament- 1 Peter 1:17-23 (Leon Gayle, Constitution Hill)
- New Testament 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Acts 2:14(a), 36-41 (Tanisha Burton, Dallas)
- Gospel- Luke 24:13-35 (GenJ, Providence)

Hymn- “**The Blood**” (Andre Crouch)

The blood that Jesus shed for me  
Way back on Calvary  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its power

(Chorus)

It reaches to the highest mountain  
It flows to the lowest valley  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its power

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears  
And it dries all my tears  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its power

(Chorus)

Message- Tene Joseph (M.I.T., from the island of Trinidad)

Hymn- “**There is a fountain filled with blood**” V.I.P. 112a

Response- ReGeneration music (My help)

Prayers of intercession- Liturgist

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:  
Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader: Oh gracious God, we bring before you in prayer those among us with disease and those who are suffering. We remember those for whom their home is not a refuge but a place of conflict, abuse and violence, grant them refuge during this time when we

have been mandated to stay at home. We petition for those of our fellow citizens who are experiencing strife because of poor health and we ask for healing and salvation for them all.

Lord, in your mercy:

Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that many of us have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention, mercy and peace to be upon each of us.

Lord, in your mercy:

Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader: Please guide those who are working on the treatment for COVID-19. 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 our healthcare workers on the front line of this battle, many of whom we count among our members. 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. Please grant them strength and protection as they work to be Your healing hands and feet!

Lord, in your mercy:

Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader: Mighty God, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, 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: We pray for all leaders, of our places of work, our churches and the MCCA, our country Jamaica and all world leaders. Grant them wisdom to make the best decisions for those you have put them in charge over. May all our thoughts, words and deeds be a testimony of your grace, love and mercy as we adjust to our

new normal in the weeks to come. We pray  
this through Christ, our Saviour and  
Redeemer.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Closing hymn- **"Will your anchor hold"** V.I.P.

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? [Refrain]

Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
when life's storms are past for evermore? [Refrain]

Benediction (Preacher)

