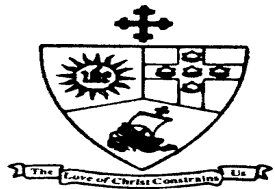




**THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE
CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS-
JAMAICA DISTRICT PROVIDENCE
CIRCUIT**



District Theme:

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

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Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

**PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT
ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2020
AT 8:30 A.M.
HARVEST SUNDAY**

*Preacher – Cesna McCain
Liturgist- Margaret Armstrong*

Theme: "33"

THE PREPARATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us praise the name of the Lord,
C: God is wonderful! Yesterday, today and forever!

L: The Lord our God has done marvellous things,
C: We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

L: For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

C: We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!

(Lectionary Sermons Archive)

HYMN - "Come Ye Thankful People Come" (VIP #509)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.
Henry Alford (1810-1871)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Hymn – "Harvest Samba" (Verse 1)

CHILDREN'S TIME - Auntie Margaret

Children's Hymn – "Harvest Samba" (All verses)

Cabbages and greens,
Broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums,
Ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone!

Chorus

It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity,
To be grateful for the food we eat,
With a samba celebration to
Say thank you to God the Father.

Golden corn and wheat,
Oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
Wonderful to eat!
Coffee, cocoa, tea,
Growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices,
Very nice indeed!

Chorus

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Cause we want to share the best of all

The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity,
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Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
And the wonderful things that grow.
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Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
And the wonderful things that grow.

Cabbages and greens,
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TIME OF PRAISE – The Providence Praise Team
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT (prayed by all): Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness, and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 65 (VIP #602)

Led by Luke Armstrong

- L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
- C: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
- L: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
- C: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
- L: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- C: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
- L: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
- C: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
- L: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
- C: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- L: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

C: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

A: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Read by Bro Dominic Haisley

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:14–30

Sis Michaela Haisley

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

R: This is the Gospel of Christ

C: Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

Alle, Alle, Alleluia! (sung)

MESSAGE - "Action Produces A Harvest" (Matthew 25:27)

Sis Cesna McCain

Ministry in Music- PMC Youth Choir

RESPONSE AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (VIP #25)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy holy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us,

Deliver us, deliver us from all evil

For thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom and the power and the glory.

Thine is the Kingdom now and forever,

Ever and ever, Amen.

Karen Armstrong, (1964 -)

HYMN – "Here I Am, Lord" (VIP #455)

1. I, THE Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Dan Schutte (1947-)

WORDS OF MISSION

L: May God who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

THE BENEDICTION

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:

BIRTHDAYS –15th – Sis. Hyacinth Brackett, Bro. Peter Weller; 17th – Sis. Pauline Allwood, Sis. Inez Morrison, Bro. Kristopher McDowell; 19th – Sis. Ayana Thomas; 20th – Bro. Keith Cummings

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 16th - Curtis Pinnock, Brian Weston; 18th – Dominique Collins, 19th – Anyah McVoitte , Crystal Taylor

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Congratulations to Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain & Sis. Elaine Mulrain who will be celebrating their 47th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, November 17th

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