ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTROIT: JESUS, STAND AMONG US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chorus: VIP #151:" Spirit of the Living God" (x2)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God Almighty, we look to you today with excitement and anticipation knowing that you have not left us orphaned or comfortless. Whether you come to us in the unexpected or in the familiar, we are overjoyed at your presence. Touch us today in a powerful way and ignite our whole being to go in your name to do your will.

We long to experience the fullness of your love O God.

Loving God, whether you come to us with a challenge to take risks or to step out of our comfort zones, we welcome you into our lives in a new way, as we crave for more of you and a deeper understanding of your ways.

We long to experience the fullness of your grace O God.

Loving God, whether you come to us like a rushing wind, or on a quiet breath, or in tongues of fire, we reach out to you as today we want to feel and experience the gift of your Holy Spirit.

We long to experience the fullness of your power O God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION :

Loving God, there are times when our tongues and passionate feelings run away with us. There are times when we are so busy and flustered and so we miss those wonderful opportunities to experience your love, your grace and your power.

We are sorry

Forgive and guide us O God.

Loving God, there are times when our actions hurt and belittle others. There are times when we use our fears and insecurities as a reason for taking a back seat.

We are sorry

Forgive and guide us O God.

Loving God, there are times when we jump to unhelpful conclusions and times when we refuse to see the worth of others. There are times when we unreasonably hold onto things in this world and refuse to put you first in our lives.

We are sorry

Forgive and guide us O God.

Lead us into love, help us to grow in your grace and experience your power through the leading of your Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Loving God, in hearing about the first Pentecost day we can see how generous you are and we thank you. There are no limits to those upon whom you are willing to pour out your Spirit. In your word, Joel pointed it out, Peter repeated it, and through our experience we too know it to be true. We thank you and praise you for your abundance as you freely give to us your love, your grace and your Spirit. We thank you, praise you and worship you now and forever more. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hymn 476(a) I'm on fire for Jesus (chorus and 2 verses)

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, THE BLESSING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Chorus: VIP #158: "The Holy Ghost Power"

O.T Lesson: Amos 7:10-15 - Pastor Veronica McKenzie

The Epistle: 2 Cor.4:1-18 – Bro. Michael Boyne

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-49 – Bro. Seymour Panton

THE SERMON: Bro. Seymour Panton

Response: There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (joint choir)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, we pray for the world in which you placed us. No matter what is happening right now, we still believe it is a beautiful place where we experience your hand of mercy and abundance. We are concerned and angered that there are contrary forces that seek to destroy your perfect will and purpose for us. But in the middle of the turmoil we hear God declare:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!

We pray for the communities in which we live and for our neighbours and acquaintances with whom we rub shoulders from day to day. We pray for those who seek to build up and give hope and joy wherever they go. We pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet because of the effects of the present pandemic.

God declares: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!

We pray for the worshiping community through out the world. In particular, we pray for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Speak to and through our leaders and give us all a

determined attitude of obedience as we seek to follow you O God and once more guide us as we hear you clearly declaring:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!

Loving God, as you pour out your Spirit, may those through whom it flows make our world, our neighbourhood and our Church better places for all to grow, develop and reach their potential as we hear you declare once more:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Hymn :VIP #145: Blak up!"

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