

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAS (MCCA)

SOUTH CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

BETHEL CIRCUIT

PROVIDENCE CONGREGATION



Setting examples in speech,
conduct, love, faith & purity

**MCCA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS LORD'S
DAY 2023**

(25th Lord's Day after Pentecost)

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Theme:

“EMBRACE GOD’S GRACE”

Connexional President: Bishop the Rev'd Everal Galbraith, CD, JP

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Preacher: Sis. Shanika Best

Liturgist: Crystal Best

Musicians: Bro. Irvin Belgrave

Steward on duty: Bro. Hussein Brewster

ORDER OF SERVICE

EMBRACING GOD'S HEART AS WE SING TO CENTRE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP:

♪ **"Your Grace and Mercy" – Franklin Williams**
Refrain: Your grace and mercy brought me through
I'm living this moment because of You
I want to thank You and praise You too
Your grace and mercy brought me through

Thank You for saving a sinner like me
To tell the world salvation is free
There were times when I just didn't do right
But You watched over me all day and night(**Refrain**)

Justice demanded that I should die
But grace and mercy said
Oh no, oh no, oh no
We've already paid the price
I once was blind, but thank God I can see
It was because grace and mercy
Came along and rescued me(**Refrain**)

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE AS WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP: *Based on Psalm 147:1-11*

L:Come, let us offer praise to the Lord our God, who offers us grace each day.

C: We come with our hearts ready to offer praise to the God whose grace we embrace.

L:Praise the LORD!How good it is to sing praises to our God,for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

C: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

L:He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

C: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

L:Great is our Lord and abundant in power; understanding is beyond measure.

C: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

C: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

L: He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

C: His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner.

L: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. So, open your hearts as we worship God together.

C: We happily open our hearts in worship to God, for He is gracious and worthy!

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE IN A HYMN OF PRAISE:

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING" (VIP #236)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, we come praising you, for You are the embodiment of grace. Your love knows no bounds, and Your mercy is unfathomable. Just as even Rahab experienced Your transformative power, we marvel at the way You embrace us with open arms, despite our flaws and shortcomings. I AM WHO I AM, Your grace is our refuge, our source of hope and redemption. In humility, we bow before You, amazed at the privilege of knowing You and experiencing Your grace. God of second chances, who turns our mess into messages of Your faithfulness, we stand in awe of Your consistency, and exalt You in this House of Praise. **Amen.**

LITANY OF CONFESSION

L: Today, we pause to remember God's grace towards us, amidst our sinfulness. I invite you to call to mind, each moment when you failed to embrace God's grace, and each occasion when you failed to offer grace to those you encounter in various ways. In

silence, make your confessions unto our gracious Lord, and seek forgiveness.

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

L: Loving God, we come before You as youth, young adults and adults alike, seeking Your grace and forgiveness.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

L: We confess that we have been consumed by the pressures of this world, chasing after earthly success and human-validation.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

L: Gracious God, we have struggled with doubts and insecurities, comparing ourselves to others and embracing a sense of unworthiness.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

L: Saviour, we have made choices that have led us astray, seeking and embracing temporary pleasures that this world offers us in glamorous ways, instead of following Your path.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

L: Lord, we have allowed pride and self-centredness to cloud our hearts; and have neglected to extend grace to others, withholding forgiveness and understanding.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

L: Loving God, we have often doubted Your love, and forgotten the depth of Your grace, failing to trust Your promises.

C: Lord, we humbly seek Your mercy and embrace Your grace.

Song of Confession: “ AMAZING LOVE – Hillsong

♪ **Refrain:*

Grace, grace, God's grace

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within

Grace, grace, God's grace

Grace that is greater than all our sin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

L: God's unending grace washes away our sins. God's love and forgiveness are unfailing. When we confess our sins to God, He helps us to find our identity in Christ, strength and purpose in our challenges, restoration from our failings and confidence that God is always with us on life's journey. Rejoice! By God's amazing grace, your sins are forgiven!

ALL: Gracious God, in Your mercy, we embrace Your forgiving grace as we navigate the challenges of youth, young adulthood, and adulthood. AMEN! THANKS BE TO GOD!

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE WITH THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of grace, our hearts are filled with gratitude, for your abundant grace that sustains us through the challenges and lifts our spirits in times of need. We are grateful for the resilience and strength you have instilled in the youth and young adults of the MCCA. Thank You, for providing us with opportunities for growth, education, and empowerment; and for Your unwavering presence which brings us hope, through Christ. Amen.

**EXPERIENCES OF GRACE: Youth & Young Adults
'Testimonies of God's Grace**

L: Today, we pause to contemplate the ways in which we have been experiencing God's grace at work in the lives of our youth and young adults. I invite you (at least three persons) to share their encounter of God's grace.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

MCCA YOUTH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Sis. Laura McClean)

SPECIAL ITEM – POEM

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE IN A TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP

♪ Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart

♪ God Sent His Son

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE THROUGH THEWORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Joshua 2:1-24 (Sis. Faye Marsh)

♪ Hymn of Preparation: I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR
(VIP #282)

GOSPEL: John 1:14-18 (Sis. Claire Best)

SERMON

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE AS WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Song/Hymn of Commitment:

AMAZING GRACE! (VIP #162)

ALTAR MINISTRY/CALL TO COMMITMENT & PRAYER

MCCA YOUTH IN FOCUS

L: What is the Motto of MCCA Youth, to which we subscribe?

Y/YA: Setting examples in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

L: In the presence of the Holy Spirit and this community of faith, let us declare our **MCCA Youth Pledge** as members of this family.

Y/YA: MCCA YOUTH PLEDGE:

Accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour:I pledge wholeheartedly to be a Godly example to others in every area of my life. I trust in God to equip me as I serve the Church and my community daily, so that the Kingdom of God is extended through my commitment, readiness, and diligence – so help me God.

NOTICES *(Bro. Hussein Brewster)*

TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: “GRACE TO GRACE” – *Hillsong Worship*

EMBRACING GOD’S GRACE IN INTERCESSION

L: Heavenly Father, we come before you, interceding on behalf of our youth and young adults of the MCCA, and all others, seeking Your grace and mercy.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We pray for those who are burdened by the pressures of life, particularly those that affect their focus, steadfastness in development, and sense of stable social and Christian identity, that they may find solace in Your grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We intercede for young adults facing physical, psychological, intellectual, occupational, social and spiritual challenges; and those grappling with varied uncertainties, that they may experience Your guidance and grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We pray for those who are lost and searching for meaning, those contemplating suicide, those being lured into immoralities and acts of corruption and criminality, in their quest to fit in or to survive, that they may encounter Your transforming grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We pray for our young people in Haiti, and all its citizens currently facing challenges and hardships, brought on by various societal powers at work. Grant that interventions being explored, if embarked upon, will aid in bringing justice, order and peace for all, and deeper anarchy. May all Haitians, and all peoples across the region where violence and crime continue to wreak havoc, find strength, and hope in Your grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We intercede for those affected by natural disasters across the territories of the MCCA, that they may find comfort and support in Your grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We remember the families and friends of those youth and young adults who passed during the last year (*pause to recall them. Names may be stated*); and we also pray for those who lost their parents, spouses and young children, including miscarriages which have tested our marriages. May Your comforting hands surround them and give them hope, peace and grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We pray for young adults seeking educational, professional and other opportunities in the Caribbean; those desirous of scholarships, grants, housing and even acceptance in their preferred institutions of learning or places of work, that they experience Your divine favour, and be empowered to excel by Your grace.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

L: We offer these intercessions to You, O gracious God, trusting that your grace may bring healing, restoration, and hope to the young people of the MCCA.

C: Lord, we lift up our prayers and embrace your grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – "OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN" – *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Caribbean Song)*

Closing Hymn: 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS
(VIP#415)

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE AS WE GO

L: Go forth into the world, as people who have experienced and come to happily embrace God's amazing grace.

C: We go, as a people living by the grace of God, and extending grace to those we encounter each day.

ALL: We go, as a people saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Today, we resolve to EMBRACE GOD'S GRACE! AMEN!

WELCOME

We welcome you to the Providence Methodist Church today as we sing, pray and worship God freely. We welcome our Preacher for today, Sis. Shanika Best.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

November 19, 2023 - Sis. Thajdren Yarde

November 21, 2023 - Bro. Lionel Medford

November 22, 2023 - Soriya Lamason & Myracle Barker

November 23, 2023 - Bro. Anthony Maloney &
Sis. Ingrid Stapleton

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for our nation and people, those mourning the loss of loved ones as well as the sick and homebound: Sisters: Sylvia Daniel, Verona Trotman, Cynthia Layne and Patricia Felix.

Brothers: Wilbert Small and Edward Hughes.

We give God thanks and praise for their lives, work and witness in our church and community.

NOTICES

Persons assembled for worship are encouraged to engage in prayer before worship starts. You are invited to pray as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Belmont Church- The members of the Belmont Augmented Choir will be hosting an Evening of Hymn Singing as part of their 185th Anniversary Celebrations. This is an opportunity to learn and discover the origin of a wonderful selection of hymns of the Christian Faith. "Let us as soldiers of Christ: put on our armour and rekindle our faith,

Bethel Circuit Activities to be held via the Zoom Platform:

- **Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** – Bethel Circuit Bible Study.
- **Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** – Bethel Circuit Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, November 23, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to noon - Sunlight Bible Study at the Providence Church, facilitated by Rev. Pearson Blackman.

Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. - Prayer Fellowship at the Providence Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023, the 25th Lord's Day After Pentecost, join us at the 9:00 a.m. service, Rev. Adrian Odle will be the Preacher, The readings are: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100 [VIP 558]. Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.

Sunday November 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. -**“Let us all seek to build stronger families for Christ”**. Members of the Providence congregation are encouraged to invite persons to worship at “Family and Friends Sunday”. On that day you are encouraged to represent Barbados’ national colours of blue, yellow and black in celebration of Independence/Republic Day 2023. Join us on this awesome day of worship as we celebrate family, friendship and fellowship. A Bajan themed brunch will be served immediately after worship. **Psalm 122:1 states “I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord”**.

Sunday, November 26th at 4:00 p.m. - The Belmont Methodist Church, Minister, Officers and members cordially invite you to Come and share with them at the momentous occasion of their 185th Anniversary Service. They are celebrating throughout the entire year and hope that you will be able to join them on other occasions.

On Sunday December 17, 2023 - The Providence Church School will perform a Christmas Programme titled '**Seek Ye First**'. To ensure the programme's success, the Church School is seeking volunteers to assist with the creation of costumes and props. Interested persons are asked to speak with the Church School leaders as soon as possible.

Persons are invited, especially men and young people who would like to join the Ministry of Music, to give their names to any Congregational Steward. We also encourage children of any age to join so that later a Junior Choir may be formed. "Come and let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Kindly note that Semester 2 of The Methodist Training Institute **begins January 8, 2024 and ends March 24, 2024**. The following courses: **Chaplaincy Studies, Youth Ministries and History of Methodism will be offered during this semester** Members and friends are encouraged to register with mti@methodistscd.org registration started November 06, 2023.

The Bethel Circuit Office has been relocated to "Epworth House", Bottom Apartment, # 6 Barclays Terrace, Wildey, St. Michael. The office staff will work remotely on Monday and Tuesday and in person from Wednesday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. weekly. Please note that the telephone number at the Circuit Office remains 426-2223. Kindly be guided accordingly.

Additional information is posted on the notice board or is available on our website at www.provmethchurchbb.com



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All Methodist Youth and Young Adults are members of MCCA Youth

[ConneXting to MCCA Youth Family: Group Pics/Video Challenge](#)

N.B.: As is customary, after the corporate worship has ended, we invite our youth and young adults to take **GROUP SELFIES (photos/video)** and post on social media - Instagram, Twitter, TikTok & Facebook, with words, messages or symbols depicting messages which encourage people to **Embrace God's Grace.**

Please tag **@mymccayouth** and use any of the following hashtags:
#MCCAYILD2023#mymccayouth #EmbraceGodsGrace

Additionally, post any key lesson(s) learned or moment(s) from the day's worship encounter that resonate with YOU. This, in a Connexional effort to demonstrate our oneness as well as to challenge the world to **Embrace God's Grace as we go from day to day.**

[7th MCCA Youth Encuentro](#)

Dates: July 22–29, 2024 **Venue:** Nassau, The Bahamas **Cost:** US\$1150 (*Plus airfare*)

Please reach out to your District Youth/Young Adult Work Leaders if you haven't registered to attend or to send participants. It's late!

Remember to follow MCCA Youth using our new handle - **@mymccayouth** on social media (Instagram, Twitter & Facebook) and use the above hashtags when posting things from today's worship encounter.

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