

KING'S GATE UNITED CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN
JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

(Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian)

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NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY



God is our refuge
and strength, a
very present help
in trouble.
Therefore will not
we fear.

Psalm 46:1-2 KJV

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

COVENANT SUNDAY SERVICE

January 5, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

WORSHIP LEADER:

ATTENDING ELDER:

COMMUNION ELDER:

MUSICIANS:

Rev'd Garwell Bacchas

Elder Paula Cobourne

Elder Paula Cobourne

Elder Jeanette Howell

Darron Fraser - Keyboard

Barrington Soares Jr. - Drum

Stephen Reid - Bass Guitar

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King's Gate United Church

Order Of Worship

APPROACH TO GOD

(Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to others.)

PREPARATION TIME

- “Come Now Is The Time To Worship...”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L/ O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

C/ His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.

A/ Lord God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant with Your servants and showing them constant love while they continue to be faithful to You with all their hearts.

L/ Let us worship our God who is faithful.

Opening Hymn: “Praise To The Lord The Almighty...”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

Chorus: “Your Grace And Mercy....”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L/ This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to You, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Chorus: "Alle Alle Alleluia...."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 136

C/ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SAINTS

WELCOME AND FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COVENANT

HYMN: "Take My Life And Let It Be..." *(Please remain seated)*

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Today, we once again affirm our membership in God's holy church throughout all the world, and in particular the King's Gate congregation of the United Church In Jamaica And The Cayman Islands.

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim Him Lord and Saviour of the world. In Christ's name and by His grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God, Maker of heaven and earth and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another. Through baptism, confession of faith in Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ. At the table of the Lord, we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

(Please Stand)

Let us now renew our vows of faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and solemnly covenant and promise that:

M/ We will protect the unity of our church

- C/ By acting in love toward other members
By refusing to gossip
By supporting the leaders

M/ We will share the responsibility of our church

- C/ By praying for its growth
By inviting the unchurched to attend
By warmly welcoming those who visit

M/ We will serve the ministry of our church

- C/ By discovering our talents and gifts
By being equipped to serve by our pastor and leaders
By developing a servant's heart

M/ We will support the testimony of our church

- C/ By attending faithfully
By living a godly life which will be an example to others in our homes and elsewhere
By giving regularly and generously

In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God, that we may serve the One whose Kingdom has no end. Blessing glory and honour be to God forever. Amen.

GREETINGS

Chorus: "We Are Together Again...."

HYMN: "Take My Life And Let It Be..."

5. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee!

CONSECRATION/RE-COMMITMENT OF ELDERS

M/ There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through different people but it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all. We have the joy of using our gifts as members of the Church Christ's body, in continuing His ministry in the world today. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ the King and Head of the Church, who being ascended on high, has given gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, we are met to consecrate/re-commit to the office of eldership in this congregation and in the United Church:

Mikhail Reid & Ilene Rhooms.

Anissea Bremmer, Beverley Brown, Jennie Brown, Marva Chambers-Gardner,
Paula Cobourne, Paul Downer, Judith Fraser, Jeanette Howell, Stephen Reid,

Jeaneth Rose and Hugh Scott.

In this act the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands as part of the universal Church worshipping one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, affirming anew its belief in the gospel of the sovereign grace and love of God who has freely offered to all, upon repentance and faith, the forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of faith for the advancement of His kingdom. The United Church acknowledges the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament, to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

To the Candidates:

In view of this declaration of the Christian faith you are now here required to answer these questions. Do you believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith? Do you promise to seek the unity and peace of this congregation to uphold its doctrines, worship, government and discipline, and to take your due part in the administration of its affairs? Do you promise that by your life and conduct you will honour God and His Church?

Elders: We do

M/ The Lord bless you and enable you faithfully to keep the promise.

Prayer - "Anointing Fall On Me..."

Declaration & Welcome

Chorus: "I Will Serve Thee Because I Love Thee...."

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

M/ Brothers and sisters, we read in the Gospels of the meals Jesus shared with His disciples, we recall His feast of the Last Supper with His disciples.

C/ **We recall His eating at the lakeside after He had risen from the dead. We recall how the Apostles broke bread together.**

M/ Today we break bread as servants of the Christ. So come all to His table.

HYMN: "Marvellous Grace....." (Sung during the distribution of elements)

1. Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

*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.*

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

LITURGY FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

M/ The Lord be with you

C/ And with you also

M/ Lift up your hearts

C/ We lift them up to the Lord

M/ Let us give thanks to our Lord

C/ It is right to give thanks to the Lord

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION OF SELF

M/ Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

A/ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

M/ Let us pray

M/ Almighty God and our heavenly Father, we recognise that it is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You. We join the angels and the company in singing to You.

All sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

M/ We give You thanks for the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ: for His life and ministry on earth; for His suffering and death on the cross; for His glorious resurrection from the dead; for His ascension into heaven; for the promise of His coming again.

A/ We therefore present ourselves to be living sacrifices unto You; holy and pleasing in Your sight. Send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and present us once again faultless before Your throne of grace with exceedingly great joy. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS AND THE RE-ENACTMENT

HYMN: "Marvellous Grace....."

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.

What can we do to wash it away?

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,

Brighter than snow you may be today.

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.

Elder P. Cobourne/ Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth bread from the earth, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this bread, which we set before You that it may be for us the body of Christ. Amen.

M/ On the night in which He gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave to His disciples and said take, eat, this is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.

HYMN: “Marvellous Grace.....”

4. Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*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.*

Elder J. Howell/ Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth wine from the vine, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this wine, which we set before You that it may be for us the blood of Christ. Amen.

M/ In the same manner also, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to the disciples and said drink from this, all of you this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat of this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes.

THE NARRATIVE CONTINUES

CHORUS: “Search Me O God...”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess to You now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that He may give us power to live as by Your mercy, You have called us to live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

M/ Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C/ Have mercy upon us.

M/ Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C/ Have mercy upon us.

M/ Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world,

C/ Grant us Your peace.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

M/ The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C/ And also with you.

HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross..."

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M/ Let us pray:

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here who have received these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

C/ **By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ, and one with each other, and one in the Ministry to all the world.**

A/ **Amen**

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brother:

Sister:

Celebratory Prayer — Rev. Garwell Bacchas

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, OFFERINGS & OFFERING FOR CHARITY

"Give as the Lord has prospered you"

Chorus: "Thank You Lord...Thought Of Me...."

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- My Sins Were Higher Than The Mountain
- God Is Here
- Come To My Soul Blessed Jesus

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Elder Jennie Brown

New Testament:

Mathew 24:1-14

HYMN: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less..."

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' death and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness seems to veil his face,
I rest on his unchanging Grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

MESSAGE IN WORD: **Hope In The Lord**
Rev. Garwell Bacchas

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less...."

3. His oath, His covenant and blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

4. And when the loud last trump shall sound,
Secure in him may I be found;
His righteousness my garb alone,
Therein complete before the throne.

PASTORAL PRAYER:

GOING FORTH HYMN: "Standing At The Portal..."

1. Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken thru the silence
By our Saviour's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful,
Making us rejoice.

*Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word shall never,*

Never pass away.

2. "I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid;
I will help and strengthen
Be thou not dismayed.
Yea, I will uphold thee
With My own right hand;
Thou art called and chosen
In My sight to stand."
3. For the year before us,
O what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble
Perfect strength be found.
4. He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
For His eternal covenant
He will never break.
Resting on the promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all sufficient
For the coming year.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

"Now Unto Him Who Is Able...."

FAMILY NEWS

OUR WELCOME

We are pleased to have you, our friends who are visiting and worshipping with us today. It is our hope that you will come again and join in our fellowship as together we worship God. We welcome you most cordially.

If you are desirous of becoming a full fledged member of the fellowship of our church family, please indicate such an interest to any of the ushers or to the minister. Have a blessed week.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Prayer & Fasting

3rd Saturdays 6:30 p.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study
Prayer & Fasting

NOTICES

ON-GOING & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Bible Study resumes on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The presenter for this meeting will be Rev. Garwell Bacchas. The house of Matthew will lead in the month of January. All members are encouraged to attend as well as to bring out their family and friends.
- Condolence to Sis. Delmaire Morgan and Phelicia Morgan on the passing of their cousin Derrick. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025.
- It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our beloved Sis. Joyce Angus. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 25, 2025, @9:30am at King's Gate Interment Swift River Portland.
- **Prayer & Fasting** will be on **Saturday, January 18** at 8:30 am.
- **Sunday, January 19** will be **UCYAAM Sunday**.
- **Women's Fellowship Week** begins **Sunday, January 26** with the celebration of **National Women's Sunday**.
- **Kingston Keswick 2024** begins **January 19-26** at **Boulevard Baptist Church**. Theme: **"Truth In Turmoil"**. Main Speakers **Bishop Dr. Roy Notice & Rev. Dr. Dylan Toussaint**.
- **Women's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, February 8**.
- **Worship & Fellowship Committee** is actively recruiting persons to join various groups.
- **Steel Pan** training Saturdays at 12noon—2:00pm
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now recruiting for **Housekeeping Level 2, Food Preparation Levels 2 & 3**. Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now offering *Basic & Advanced Computer Class* on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm – 6:00p.m. Cost \$16,000.00. Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.

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SICK & SHUT-INS

- ⇒ *Call to buoy-up spirits*
Visit – to strengthen with your presence
Pray For – to commend to God's care:
- ⇒ Sis. Joyce Angus
- ⇒ Sis. Alice Downer
- ⇒ Sis. Daphne Drummond
- ⇒ Sis. Edith Gutzmore
- ⇒ Sis. Lillian Johnson
- ⇒ Sis. Vera Lynch
- ⇒ Sis. Maisielyn Noble
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson

Kintyre -

- ⇒ Sis. Veronica Brown
- ⇒ Sis. Norma McCarty, Beatrice Walters, Patricia Barnes

These are our members who because of failing health, have not worshipped with us for a considerable time. Let us be unfailing in our support.

KING'S GATE UNITED IN PRAYER

Monday, January 6, 2025

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- The Church and its witness in the world
- The cessation of crime in Jamaica and the world

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- Youth of our nation
- The government and policy makers for Godly wisdom

Did you remember to pray last Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m.? Call to remind someone. Wherever we may be, we are urged to pause for prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Your prayer requests are solicited.

THE WORD

- ⇒ Let us take pleasure and find fulfilment in reading the Bible daily. Our suggested readings may be found useful.

Sunday	-	Ephesians 3:1-21
Monday	-	Ephesians 4:1-16
Tuesday	-	Ephesians 4:17-32
Wednesday	-	Ephesians 5:1-20
Thursday	-	Ephesians 6:10-24
Friday	-	Luke 3:1-20
Saturday	-	Luke 3:21 –38