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15th Lord's Day after Pentecost

Sunday 6th September 2026

9:00 am

Worship Leader and Preacher:

Sis. Tracy Benn-Roberts

Organist: Bro. Lenroy Skepple

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Interlude

Welcome and Courtesies

Choir Introit

Call To Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95:1-6)

Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #22a VIP

Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, we humbly come into your presence at this time. We bow before you in recognition of the fact that you are the one true God – You are the Alpha and the Omega, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Ancient of Days and the Prince of Peace. And so, this morning, we gather here to worship, praise and lift up your holy and majestic name. We are grateful, Lord God, that your mercies begin afresh every morning. You have been gracious and merciful towards us and our families in granting us the privilege to be in the land of the living and to remain in good health and strength. Thank you for watching over us throughout the quiet hours of the night and protecting us from all evil. Father, with immense gratitude in our hearts, we celebrate your blessings and goodness towards us as we can all testify, in one way or another, that indeed you have been Jehovah Jireh (the Lord who provides for all our needs), Jehovah Rapha (the Lord our healer who restores our bodies, minds and spirits), Jehovah Rohi (the Lord our Shepherd who guides, protects and comforts us) and Jehovah Nissi (the Lord our Banner who grants

us victory). Therefore, we choose to joyously enter into this place with thanksgiving, knowing that you love each and every one of us and that you will take care of us not just today but all the days of our lives.

All: We will remain still and know that you are God and that You who having begun a good work in us will carry us on to completion.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Lord God, we bow down before you and acknowledge that we have sinned against you - we have been too busy to pray or read your word and too often occupied and distracted to stop and listen to your voice. We have engaged in activities that do not bring honour and glory to your name. Like the prodigal child, we have left your house to live as we please in the world and to squander the life you have given us. Today, we return home to confess our sins and especially for those that are too heavy to carry; for the wrongs committed knowingly and unknowingly; for what we have done behind closed doors but are too real to hide; for the things we have allowed our lips to say that were not edifying or which has caused division and strife within this very church, in our homes, work places and communities; for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us but yet still we find it hard to extend a helping hand to be a blessing to someone in need; and for holding grudges and not forgiving others as you, the Lord, has forgiven us. Holy One, today we bring all these wrongs and others not mentioned before you asking for your forgiveness. We rest on your grace and the confidence of knowing that as a righteous, just and merciful God, our sins have been given.

All: Thank you, Lord, for removing our sins as far as the east is from the west and for welcoming us with open arms into your kingdom.

Leader: Amen. Glory Be to God.

Hymn: I Am So Glad #240 VIP

The Ministry of the Word

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1–14

Psalms 149 [VIP 657] (Read Alternatively)

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

¹ Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,**

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

All Stand and Sing

**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**

Hymn: Amazing Grace! #162 VIP

Epistle: Romans 13:8–14

Choir Rendition

Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

Sermon: Sis Tracy Benn-Roberts

Hymn: Lord, Thy word Abideth # 175 VIP

Notices, Tithes and Offering

Prayers of Intercession for Children and Young People

Loving and gracious God, as our children and young people begin a new school year, we come before You with thankful hearts. We thank You for Your love, Your protection, and the opportunities You have given to our children and young people.

We lift before You all students who will be returning to school for the 2026–2027 academic year. Guide them as they begin new classes, meet new

teachers, make new friends, and face new opportunities and challenges. Grant them wisdom, understanding, discipline, confidence, and a desire to learn.

We especially pray for those who will be entering a new school for the first time. Calm their fears and anxieties, help them to adjust, and surround them with caring teachers and friends. May they always remember that You are with them wherever they go.

We give You thanks for those who have been promoted and for those who have achieved success in their CXC, CSEC, UWI, ABHTI, ASC, promotions to new classes and other examinations. We celebrate their accomplishments and pray that You will continue to guide them as they take the next steps in their education and prepare for the future.

For those who may not have achieved the results they hoped for, give them courage, hope, determination, and the strength to try again. Help them to know that their worth is not measured by examination results, but by Your great love for them.

Lord, we also pray for all teachers, principals, school administrators, and support staff. Grant them patience, wisdom, strength, creativity, and compassion as they guide and nurture the children placed in their care. Refresh them when they are tired and encourage them when the work is challenging.

Bless our schools, classrooms, and learning environments. Keep our students and teachers safe from harm. May our schools be places of respect, peace, kindness, growth, and excellence. Above all, may our children and young people grow not only in knowledge but also in faith, character, and wisdom.

Help them to remember Your Word: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5–6

We place every student, teacher, parent, and school into Your loving hands as we enter the 2026–2027 school year. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Closing Hymn: Pass It On # 452 VIP

The Benediction

We bid all of you welcome to our Family Sunday worship experience. Special welcome to our visitors and friends worshipping with us in the sanctuary and online. In our pulpit today is Sis. Tracy Benn-Roberts We invite all of you, our visitors and friends to join us again.

WE CARE

We extend condolences to all who are mourning the death of a loved one. Be assured of our continued prayerful support at this time of grief and sadness.

WE CELEBRATE

Congratulations and best wishes to all who are celebrating a Birthday, an Anniversary or any other Special Occasion this week. God's richest blessings for many happy returns.

WE PRAY: THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

We as a Church community are asked to remember in prayer those who are sick at home, in the hospital or in nursing homes.

During this Church Year we will be placing greater emphasis on prayer and we are inviting all members and friends to join us. We are asking persons to spend more time in prayer and to use the weekly bulletin to guide their prayers of intercession i.e. to pray for all the activities, persons, and events that are listed in the bulletin for the week.

We are also encouraging members to form small groups for prayer; this can be done over the phone. As a suggestion, if possible, prayers may be offered between 5:00 and 6:00 am, so that much of the church is in prayer at the same time.

National Day Of Prayer: Thursday 10th September 2026. We are all encouraged to join our Nation of Antigua and Barbuda in prayer. Our chapels will be open for prayer at 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

This coming week 7th – 11th September 2026, the Antigua Circuit is responsible for the **LID Daily Devotionals**. The WhatsApp link is available from the Church Office.

Prayer and Fasting: We are all invited to join the Leeward Islands District in a **time of Prayer & Fasting from Sunday 13th September to Sunday 20th September 2026**, as a means of Spiritual Renewal. Below is the schedule of corporate prayer for the week. Congregational Stewards are expected to coordinate the session as assigned to their congregation. The document to guide our daily prayer and fast is available from the Church Office.

Date	Time	Congregation	
Sun 13 th	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Gilbert Memorial	Online
Mon 14 th	6:00am - 6:30am	Freetown	Online
Tues 15 th	6:00am - 6:30am	Baxter Memorial	Online
Wed 16 th	6:00am - 6:30am	Parham	Online
Thurs 17 th	6:00am - 6:30am	Bolans	Online
Fri 18 th	6:00am - 6:30am	Bethesda	Online
Sat 19 ^h	6:30 am	Ebenezer	Ebenezer
Sun 20 th	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Freemansville	Online

WE STUDY! JOIN US

Disciple Bible Study: Another Class will begin on Monday 14th September 2026 at 4.30 pm. Orientation will be held tomorrow Monday at 4:30pm at the Conference Room in the Ebenezer Church Hall. The Disciple Bible Study programme is a 34-week study of the Bible in which we cover 80% of the Bible. Persons who want to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible, deepen their faith and their commitment to God in Christ, and in particular leaders of the Church, are encouraged to join.

WE ARE ONLINE

Our **Online Ministries** resume this evening:

- **Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00pm;** Meeting ID: 820 5505 1718 and Passcode: 996709
- **Bible Study on Thursday at 7:00 pm;** Meeting ID: 829 8642 7373 and Passcode: 996709

The links for these ministries are sent out via WhatsApp; you are all invited to join us. If you are not currently receiving these links and wish to do so, please contact the Church Office.

WE PLAN, SO WE MEET

Preachers Meeting: The meeting will take place this coming **Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 5:00pm** in the Methodist Conference Room at the back of the Church Office. All Preachers are expected to be in attendance.

Circuit Resources and Development Committee: The meeting will take place this coming **Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 5:00pm** in Methodist Church Hall.

Circuit Council: This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15th September 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm** at the Ebenezer Methodist Church Hall.

Upcoming Circuit Meetings

DATE	MEETING
08 th Sept	Circuit Preachers Meeting, 5:00 pm, Ebenezer Church Hall
09 th Sept	Circuit Resources & Development Committee, 5:00 pm, Church Hall
15 th Sept	Circuit Council, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, Church Hall
27 th Sept	Circuit Pastoral Council, 4:00 – 6:30pm, Ebenezer Methodist Church
14 th Oct	Bookshop Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm, Church Office
21 st Oct	Circuit Resources & Development Committee, 5:00 pm, Church Hall
31 st Oct	Circuit Council, 10:00am – 3:00 pm, Freemansville Chapel

Next Lord's Day 13th September 2026 –
Divine Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
Conducted by Rev. Jean Charmy Gabriel