



SERVICE OF  
*Thanksgiving*

FOR THE ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

*"Guide us with Your Grace"*

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.  
Road Town Methodist Church



**Procession**

**Introit**..... **Total Praise**..... Public Service Choir

**Welcome and Greetings**..... Reverend Dr. Keith B. Lewis  
*Superintendent Minister*  
*Methodist Church (BVI Circuit)*

**Call to Worship**..... Reverend Lewis

**Minister:** With all my heart I will thank the Lord

**Congregation:** In the assembly of His people.

**Minister:** How wonderful are the things the Lord does!

**Congregation:** All who are delighted with them want to understand them.

**Minister:** All He does is full of honour and majesty.

**Congregation:** His righteousness is eternal.

**Minister:** Therefore, let us praise the Lord.

**Congregation:** Alleluia!

**Opening Prayer** .....Reverend Lewis

**Praise and Worship** .....VI United Voices

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 3:5-14 .....Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley  
*Premier and Minister of Finance*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.” This is the Word of The Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Congregational Hymn**..... Now Thank we all Our God

**1.**

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

**2.**

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.

**3.**

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**The Epistle:** Romans 13:1-8..... Honourable Marlon Penn  
*Member of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition*

## Being Subject to Authorities

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, <sup>4</sup>for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

## Love for One Another

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. This is the Word of The Lord.

## Congregation: Thanks be to God

**The Gospel:** Mark 12:13-17 ..... Pastor Jovan Cline  
*New Life Baptist Church*

## The Question about Paying Taxes

<sup>13</sup>Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup>Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." <sup>16</sup>And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him". This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Congregation: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord.**

**Song** ..... **Speak the Name** ..... Mrs. Leilani Stevens-Roberts

**Words of Exhortation** ..... Bro. Trevaughn Todman  
*Lay Minister*  
*St. Paul's Episcopal Anglican Church*

Mrs. Rosemarie Flax  
*Accredited Lay Minister*  
*Road Town Methodist Church*  
*Vice President, BVI Christian Council*

Pastor Dr. Joycelyn Hoyte  
*First Assembly of God*

**Congregational Hymn** ..... Through all the Changing Scenes of Life

**1.**

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

**2.**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt His name;  
when in distress, to Him I called  
He to my rescue came.

**3.**

The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
His saving help He gives to all  
who in His mercy trust.

**4.**

O taste His goodness, prove His love;  
experience will decide  
how blessed they are, and only they,  
who in His truth confide.

**5.**

Fear Him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
His service shall be your delight,  
your needs shall be His care.

**Act of Dedication** ..... Elected Members

**To the service of this community, and of Almighty God, we dedicate ourselves. Without fear or favour, we dedicate ourselves to honesty in communication, integrity in action, and unselfishness in living. Relying upon the strength and help of Almighty God, we pledge ourselves to serve according to His laws, and according to the democratic constitution of the Virgin Islands. We ask you, God, to guide us with your grace as we dedicate ourselves to serve the people of these Virgin Islands.**

**Duet** ..... **The Prayer** ..... Ms. Kristin Frazer and Dr. Domnick Frazer

**Prayer of Intercession** ..... Pastor Walter Barrett  
*New Life Baptist Church*

**Leader:** Let us pray: Almighty and ever Living God, you have taught us to make prayers and supplications for all people; hear us now as we make our intercessions: O God, for the nations of world we pray, but especially for this Territory of the Virgin Islands, that you may bless this land and all the inhabitants.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us your favour.

**Leader:** O God, that we may be a people whose God is the Lord, and that we may walk in your ways.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us your favour.

**Leader:** O God, for the newly elected members of the House of Assembly: we pray for Your wisdom and grace, as they seek under your guidance to carry out the duties and functions of the House.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant them your favour.

**Leader:** Hear us, O God, for those who are in positions of authority and leadership: His Excellency, the Governor, Mr. John J. Rankin CMG, the Premier, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, the Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton, the Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr., and all others who serve with them.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, for them all.

**Leader:** O God, deliver us from the ravages of crime and violence, from the evils of corruption, and the tendency towards a few becoming rich, while the majority remain poor.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and deliver us from all evil.

**Leader:** We pray, O God, for all sorts and conditions of men: those in sorrow, need, or sickness; those who suffer from cruelty, injustice, and neglect. Give strength to all who are weak and hope to all that are in despair.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give hope to all who are in despair.

**Leader:** O God, we pray for the churches in this land, that they may be a shining light in the darkness, and may serve to preserve the character and the integrity of this Territory, under God.

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and preserve us by your grace. Amen.

**Liturgical Dance..... My Help .....** Mrs. Afiya Turnbull-Smith

**Prayer of Unity .....** Pastor Nadia Harrigan-Williams  
*Dignified Wives Ministry*

**Selection .....** **The Blessing .....** Public Service Choir

**Benediction.....** Reverend Dr. Keith Lewis

# **ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

## **District Representatives**

- District 1 - Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson
- District 2 - Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull
- District 3 - Honourable Julian Fraser, RA
- District 4 - Honourable Luce D. Hodge-Smith
- District 5 - Honourable Kye M. Rymer
- District 6 - Honourable Myron V. Walwyn
- District 7 - Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley
- District 8 - Honourable Marlon A. Penn
- District 9 - Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley

## **Territorial At-Large Representatives**

- Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE
- Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton
- Honourable Sharie B. de Castro
- Honourable Stacy Mather, MBE



### **Participating Clergy**

Liturgist – Reverend Dr. Keith Lewis  
The Gospel – Pastor Jovan Cline  
Prayer of Intercession – Pastor Walter Barrett  
Prayer of Unity – Pastor Nadia Harrigan-Williams  
Words of Exhortation – Bro. Trevaughn Todman  
Sis. Rosemarie Flax  
Pastor Dr. Joycelyn Hoyte

### **Musicians**

Organist – Mr. Cedric Dawson  
Keyboardist – Mr. Andre Braithwaite  
Choristers – Public Service Choir  
VI United Voices  
Mrs. Leilani Stevens-Roberts  
Ms. Kristin Frazer and Dr. Domnick Frazer  
Liturgical Dancer – Mrs. Afiya Turnbull-Smith

### **Planning Committee**

Dr. Lavon Chalwell – Brewley, Assistant Secretary, Premier's Office – Chair  
Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe, Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office  
Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Premier's Office  
Mr. Joseph Smith-Abbott, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Premier's Office  
Dr. Arliene T. Penn, Director of Communications, Premier's Office  
Mrs. Eunice Crawford, Private Secretary to the Premier, Premier's Office  
Ms. Sonje Greenidge, Information Officer II, Department of  
Information and Public Relations  
Ms. Melisa Donovan, Administrative Officer, Premier's Office – Recording Officer

### **Ushers**

Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley  
Mrs. Heida Joyles-Selwood  
Mrs. Afiya Turnbull-Smith  
Ms. Prudencia Waters  
Ms. Erlina Matthews  
Mrs. Felicia Parsons

### **The Methodist Church**