



We warmly **WELCOME** everyone to our  
**Independence Day Worship Service.**  
May God continue to richly bless each of you.

**Please continue to remember in your prayers:**



Brenda Albury, Hubert Albury, Alice Cash, Doris Hanna, Helen Johnson, Deborah Knowles, Deloris Knowles, Lady Holly Knowles, Anne Lowe, John Philpott, Shelly Rusell, Pamela Russel, Jennifer Sawyer, Linda Sands, Deacon Audrea Scavella, Marion Seymour, James Storr, Troy Storr, Clio Sweeting, and Linda Pinder.

*We extend sincere condolences to the families of Mrs. Faye Charlow and Mrs. Una Sawyer. Please remember them in your prayers.*

The flowers in our Sanctuary today are kindly donated by Miss Marsha Cates and the Ebenezer Usher Board in loving memory of the late **Mrs. Una Sawyer**. We thank them for their donation and we continue to pray for the family of Mrs. Sawyer.



The position of part time (9am -2pm) **Church Secretary** is open. Persons interested are to contact the church office urgently @393-3938



If anyone is interested in providing flowers during the upcoming months, kindly contact **Anne Lever** at 425-3066 or any member of the **Decorating Team**. Your kind contributions are greatly appreciated.



### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**(July 11 – July 14, 2023)**

go out to Sharinda Goddard(11<sup>th</sup>), Deloris Knowles (13<sup>th</sup>), Clint Higgs (13<sup>th</sup>), Shelly Sweeting (14<sup>th</sup>), Andrey Sweeting (14<sup>th</sup>) and all who celebrate their birthday this week!



**Church Attendance**

June 25th, 2023 - 98

**Next Sunday - July 16, 2023**

Youth Service (VBS)



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Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

11:00am Worship Service



**Worship Leader: Mr. Carl Campbell**

**Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne**



# Order Of Service

Worship Leader: Mr. Carl Campbell  
Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne  
Welcome & Notices—Mr. Carl Campbell



## Responsive Call To Worship

Leader: Blessed is the enation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.

**People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Leader: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**All: In Your church and in our families, may we be channels of Your peace. Amen.**

Opening Hymn      ***“I Vow To Thee My Country”***      #900  
(Colors to be received)

## Affirmation For Independence

Written By Rev. Milton Lightbourne

During this month of independence, we affirm we are not alone in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and in God's world.

We believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer of these islands, given to us as gifts from God, where we have been privileged to live, work, serve and rear our families.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Word made flesh, Who came to reconcile and renew us through His death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Spiritual life, through Whom we come to know and worship, the Father and Son.

We believe we are members of Christ Church, established here in The Bahamas, to proclaim the Good News to all and show God's love through our work, witness and mission.

We affirm that the Triune God is among us, as we celebrate this 50th year of independence and acknowledge God's Presence, Provision and Protection, will be ours in the present and for the future.

Amen!

## Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise Him.

O praise Him, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Prayer Chorus

### ***“Give Thanks”***

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he’s given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,  
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
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let the poor say ‘I am rich’,  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...

## Prayers of Intercession

Prayer Response      ***“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”***  
We’ve come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in His holy Word;  
He’s never failed us yet.  
Oh, we can’t turn back;  
We’ve come this far by faith! ***(REPEAT)***

Offertory Hymn      ***“O God Our Help In Ages Past”***      #878

Offertory Prayer      Mr. Percy Knowles

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading      Psalm 86: 9-13      Mrs. Anne Lever

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading      1 Timothy 2:1-7      Miss Kaylee Roberts

Selection      Mr. Lorenzo Newbold

Hymn of Faith      ***“Now Thank We All Our God”***      #10

Sermon      Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Closing Hymn      ***“The Right Hand Of God”***      (See Insert)

## Mission Statement

To Worship God Joyfully, Offer Christ Faithfully,  
Promote Growth Hopefully, Serve Others Lovingly.

Benediction      Rev. Milton Lightbourne

**The National Anthem Of The Bahamas**



## THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD



The right hand of God is writing in our land, writing  
both with power and with love;  
Our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our  
tears, are re-cord-ed by- the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land, Point-  
ing out the path that we must tread;  
So clouded is the way, so ea-si-ly-we stray, But we're  
guid-ed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land, Heal-ing  
bro-ken bodies, minds and souls;  
So when we bow in pray-er, the love of Christ is there  
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The right hand of God is planting in our land, Planting  
seeds of freedom, hope and love.  
In this Bahamaland let His people all join hands And  
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