**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Liturgist: Bro. Sanville Vernon/ Scripture Reader: Sis. Norma Grant**

**Media Team: Tynisa Caesar, Sanville Vernon, Nevel Burnett, David Thomas, Noah Thomas, Barnet Moriah**

**Praise Team: Alana Chang, LaTanya Davis, Hugh Fletcher**

 **Organist: L. Daniel Jean /Drummer: Maurice Facey**

**Pastor: Dr. Andrea Smith**

**PRELUDE: Organist Daniel Jean**

**WELCOME: Bro. Sanville Vernon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Bro. Sanville Vernon**

L: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
**P: break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

L: For the Lord has comforted his people,
**P: and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

L: Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

**All: for the Lord has comforted his people.**

**OPENING HYMN: “Thine Be the Glory” UMH# 308**

**OPENING PRAYER: (unison) Bro. Sanville Vernon**

God of Hope, We see your love poured out for us in all the world.
Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community human and beyond-human, creature and created to your glory, so your love is known among all the living. Amen.

**PRAISE and WORSHIP: “You are God Alone, Just to be Close to You”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sis. Norma Grant**

**Old Testament:**  Isaiah 51:1-6

**New Testament:** Matt 16:13-20

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA PATRI: “Glory Be To The Father” UMH#70**

**WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE: Sis. Norma Grant**

CHURCH NOTICES: **Sis. Norma Grant**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**SERMONIC HYMN: “God has Smiled on Me” SOZ#196**

**SERMON:** **Pastor Andrea Smith**

**SELECTION: Praise Team**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Pastor Andrea Smith**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: UMH# 170**

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE: Pgs: 39-43**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Bro. Sanville Vernon**

We welcome your offering for the blessings of the Lord. Offerings can be given to the usher, through PayPal or Zelle type in **bethanyunitedbklyn@gmail.com** to find us or dropped off in the church office mailbox.

**OFFERTORY: (MARCHING) Please turn to the window and follow the Ushers' directions.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: “We Bring the Praise Sacrifice of Praise”**

**DOXOLOGY: “Give Thanks”**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Bro. Sanville Vernon** Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: “The Day of Resurrection” UMH# 303**

**BENEDICTION: Pastor Andrea Smith**

May the word of Christ dwell in us richly. Whatever we do in word or deed, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Graduates of 2023 and 2024, please be prepared to give your photos and Graduation information to any of the members of the Graduation presentation committee: Gayles Isles, Shelley Roberts, Venice Chambers, and any of the Saturday’s Day program committee members. The deadline will be announced later.**

**We are asking the Graduation committee to meet after church on Sunday, April 21.**

**There will be an in-person Administrative Council meeting on Saturday,**

 **April 27, at 12:30 pm.**

**Beginning April 21, the Youth Room will be open from 10-11 am.**

**When the service begins, the room is closed.**

**Vacation Bible School will be July 8 – 12, 2024. We need adult volunteers to assist for one day, two days, or a week. Please see Sis. Alicia, for information and to sign up.**

**The New York Annual Conference is offering 10 full scholarships for**

 **Sleep-away camp at Camp Olmsted for ages 6-14. If you like to apply, please see Pastor Andrea.**

 Quest for Christ Youth program ages 12-17 Friday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Invite youth and youth invite your friends, for food, fun, and fellowship.

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP**

**It will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Bethany UMC**

**from 10 am to 4 pm, for ages 5- 17.**

**For more information, contact (718) 774-5689**

United Women In Faith

Invites you to their Luncheon Show “One Slight Hitch” on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, NJ.

Cost per Person: $135.00 Deposit: $30.00

Please make all checks payable to UMW OF BETHANY

**The Pastor will stay at the altar after morning service for anyone wanting personal prayer**

**Sick and Shut In List**

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