**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**Liturgist: Bro. Thayne Clarke/ Scripture Reader: Sis. Sharone Gordon**

**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. Thayne Clarke**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Bro. Thayne Clarke**

L: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.  
**P: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

L: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.  
**P: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

L: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.  
**P: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

L: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?  
**ALL: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: “O Worship the King” UMH# 73**

**OPENING PRAYER: (unison) Bro. Thayne Clarke**

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: “How Great is our God, I Love the Lord, Spirit Song”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sis. Sharone Gordon**

**Old Testament:**  Psalm 22:25-31

**New Testament:** John 15:1-8

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. Sharone Gordon**

CHURCH NOTICES: **Sis. Sharone Gordon**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**SERMONIC HYMN: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” UMH# 172**

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

**SELECTION: Praise Team**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Pastor Andrea Smith**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Bro. Thayne Clarke**

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**](mailto: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 Sacrifice of Praise”**

**DOXOLOGY: “Give Thanks”**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Bro. Thayne Clarke** 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: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH# 569**

**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**

***There is no need to carry the burdens and cares of life alone, and there is no need to experience grief and sorrow alone. Meet with the Bethany Support Group after church TODAY. There will be someone to talk to and pray with you.***

**Our Long Island West District Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m. at First UMC Mount Vernon. If you are interested in attending, please inform the Pastor.**

**Our General Conference is taking place now. It began on Tuesday, the 23. Please keep the conference and all the delegates in prayer as they are in session, and major decisions will be made.**

**“Women of Purpose….. Walking By Faith”.**

**The Women’s Ministry would like to invite you to a**

**“Testimony Over Tea-Tea Party/Silent Auction” on May 18, 2024,**

**from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Tickets are $25.See any member for tickets**

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

**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.**

 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.

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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