



National Heritage Week Thanksgiving Church Service

Theme: "Resilient People with a Proud Heritage"

Sub-theme: "Anchored in Promise, Sustained by Grace."

at

Kingston Open Bible Church

12 Washington Boulevard

Kingston 20

on

Sunday, October 18, 2026

at

10:30 a.m.



VISION STATEMENT

*To be the Global Centre of
Jamaican Cultural Excellence*

MISSION STATEMENT

*To influence national development
positively by creating opportunities that unearth,
develop, preserve and promote the creative talents
and cultural expressions of the Jamaican people,
through a professional and dynamic team, thereby
advancing brand Jamaica worldwide.*

CORE VALUES

Excellence

Professionalism

Integrity

Creativity

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Reverend Franklyn King

Host Pastor

Church of the Open Bible, Kingston

Overseer Cassel Dunkley

Pastor

Lakes Pen Apostolic Church

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Reverend Joseph Gordon

Representative

Church of God in Jamaica

Pastor Phillip Castell

Representative

Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Reverend Franklyn King
Host Pastor
Kingston Open Bible Church

Praise & Worship

KOBC Worship Team

Opening Hymn To God Be The Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Opening Prayer	Reverend Joseph Gordon Representative Church of God in Jamaica
Welcome & Introductions	Ms. Enthrose Campbell Kingston Open Bible Church
Ministry in Song	“Believe For It” Minister Chantal Smalling Stephenson Winner—Jamaica Gospel Star 2026
Remarks	Honourable Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
The National Pledge	Led by Miss Christina Williams Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2026

Before God and all mankind
I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart
The wisdom and courage of my mind
The strength and vigour of my body
In the service of my fellow citizens

I promise to stand up for Justice, Brotherhood and Peace
To work diligently and creatively
To think generously and honestly
So that Jamaica may under God
Increase in beauty, fellowship and prosperity
And play her part
In advancing the welfare of the whole human race.

**Governor - General's
Message**

Honourable Ian Forbes, CD, JP
Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. Andrew
Representing
His Excellency the Most Honourable
Sir Patrick L. Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt. J
Governor-General

Song of Meditation

Bless Thy Word Unto Our Heart

Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name
Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name

Glorify Thy Name
Glorify Thy Name
Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name

**Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 40:21—31**

**Senator the Honourable
Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, KC, JP**
President of the Senate
Representing
Dr. The Most Honourable
Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP
Prime Minister

**New Testament Reading:
Hebrews 6: 10-19**

Mr. Mark Golding, MP
Leader of the Opposition

Ministry in Song

“Oh Sing To the Lord with Thanksgiving”
Kingston Open Bible Church Choir

Sermon

Overseer Cassel Dunkley

Jamaica Pentecostal Union Apostolic

Song of Response

Hear My Cry, Oh Lord

Hear my cry, oh Lord
Attend unto my prayer
From the ends of the earth
Will I cry unto Thee

When my heart is overwhelmed,
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
That is higher than I

For Thou hast been
A shelter for me
And a strong tower
From the enemy

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Phillip Castell

Representative

Jamaica Union Conference of

Seventh- day Adventists

**Presentation to
Host Church**

Honourable Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP

Minister of Culture, Gender,

Entertainment and Sport

Announcements

Dr. Janet Shelly

Kingston Open Bible Church

Offertory

Benediction

Reverend Franklyn King

The National Anthem

Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty Hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours.
To our Leaders, Great Defender,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, Land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call, strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us, Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.



Recessional Hymn

Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand

Verse 1

As I travel thru this pilgrim land
There is a Friend who walks with me,
Leads me safely thru the sinking sand,
It is the Christ of Calvary;
This would be my pray'r, dear Lord, each day
To help me do the best I can,
For I need Thy light to guide me day and night
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Chorus

*Blessed Jesus, hold my hand,
Yes, I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Thru this land, this pilgrim land
(Protect me) by Thy saving pow'r;
Hear my plea, my feeble plea,
Lord, dear Lord, look down on me,
When I kneel in prayer,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.*

Verse 2

Let me travel in the light divine
That I may see the blessed way;
Keep me that I may be wholly Thine
And sing redemption's song some day;
I would be a soldier brave and true
And ever firmly take a stand,
As I onward go and daily meet the foe,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand. Chorus

Verse 3

When I wander thru the valley dim
Toward the setting of the sun,
Lead me safely to a land of rest
If I a crown of life have won;
I have put my faith in Thee, dear Lord,
That I may reach the golden strand, T
here's no other friend on whom I can depend,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

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SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Pastor Cassel Dunkley is the Pastor of Lakes Pen Apostolic Church in Span-ish Town, Jamaica. He also serves as the Eastern Diocese Overseer for the Churches of God in Christ Jesus Ap-ostolic of Jamaica. A respected leader within the Apostolic community, Pas-tor Dunkley is a board member of the Jamaica Pentecostal Union of Apos-tolic (JPUA) and previously served as its Chairman, as well as Chairman of the Jamaica Umbrella Group of hurches.

Pastor Dunkley is married to Kameka Taylor Dunkley and is the proud father of two adult daughters, Mariel and Moya, by his former deceased wife. He is deeply committed to family life and Christian service, believing that strong families are foundational to strong communities and churches.

Academically, Pastor Dunkley is a graduate of the Jamaica Theological Seminary and holds a degree in Guidance and Counselling. He has also earned a Diploma in Supervisory Management from the former Institute of Management and Production (IMP) and a Certificate in Management from the University of the West Indies (UWI). In addition, he has obtained nu-merous professional certifications in law enforcement, both locally and in-ternationally.

Combining his passion for education with his commitment to service, Pastor Dunkley serves as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Caribbean Maritime Univer-sity, where he contributes to the development of future leaders through teaching and mentorship.

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Among his many accomplishments, Pastor Dunkley considers his greatest achievement to be his relationship with Jesus Christ and his dedication to serving people. He is an apologetic Christian, committed to defending and proclaiming the Christian faith. His life is guided by the motto:

"Jesus first, then family, then serving in Christ's Church."

A devoted servant of Christ and humanity, Pastor Dunkley continues to lead with integrity, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to spiritual growth, community development, and the advancement of God's King-dom.

"A committed servant of Christ and people."



PERFORMER'S PROFILE

Minister Chantal Smalling Stephenson



Minister Chantal Smalling Stephenson is a passionate gospel artist and devoted worship leader at First Assembly of God, Mandeville, Manchester. Singing from a tender age, she has dedicated her God-given talent to inspiring, uplifting, and encouraging others through gospel music and ministry. She is the founder and creative director for "Ripped the Mantle JA" and evening of Worship and charity.

After placing second in the 2022 Jamaica Gospel Star Competition, Chantal returned in 2026 and emerged as the Winner of the same competition. She has also graced the stage of the prestigious Sterling Gospel Awards, Praise in the Park 4.0 hosted by the Credit Unions of Jamaica among many others and shared her gift on the beautiful island of Cayman, expanding her reach through the ministry of gospel music.

Guided by her unwavering faith and Jeremiah 29:11, Chantal is committed to glorifying God, spreading messages of hope, and encouraging others, especially young people, to trust God and pursue their purpose.

For Chantal, music is more than a gift; it is a divine calling to minister, inspire, and share the love of Christ with the world.

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