

Celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence



Sunday, August 3, 2025
2:00pm - Service of Worship

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson

Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Joe Albright

The Prime Minister's Message

Rev. Joe Albright

Jamaica proudly celebrates 63 years of Jamaica's independence—a momentous milestone that honors the strength, resilience, and vibrant spirit of the Jamaican people. Since August 6, 1962, Jamaica has stood as a shining symbol of freedom and self-determination, carving out a unique and powerful voice on the global stage.

The message of Bob Marley's "One Love" still rings true today inviting the world to embrace peace, unity, and the enduring spirit of the Jamaican people. It is this spirit, bold and unbreakable, that continues to inspire the globe.

Jamaica's motto, "Out of Many, One People," speaks to the rich diversity of cultures that have come together to create what we proudly know as Brand Jamaica. From every corner of the island, and from every background, Jamaicans have shaped a unique identity that continues to inspire the world.

The fastest man in the world, Usain Bolt, along with so many other athletes, have showcased Jamaican excellence on the global stage. Whether it be in academia, science, sports, arts, or culture, Jamaica has made a profound impact in the world that far exceeds its size.

With under 3 million people living in Jamaica, and over 2 million Jamaicans scattered across the globe, the spirit, influence, and contributions of our people continue to shine brightly. Jamaica may be small in size, but our impact is mighty—and it will continue to grow for years to come.

Little but tallawah—we are small in size but mighty in spirit.

Call to Worship

Dr. Kwame Lawson

Leader: O come, let us enter into Jerusalem and sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

All: On this 63rd anniversary of Jamaica's Independence, we are to look to the rock from which we came, and say, with the Psalmist "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

Leader: By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remember Zion. But with hope and confidence in God, we now look forward to the new Jerusalem.

All: We give thanks to our God for the place of the birth of many of us here – Jamaica - and for this Land which has welcomed us and has become our home. Wherever we may be, we now renew our commitment to the pursuit of peace, justice and hope for all of God's children. Let us worship our Lord with thankful hearts.

Song of Praise

"One Love"
(please sing chorus only)

by Bob Marley

Chorus:

**One Love, One Heart, let's get together and feel all right,
Hear the children crying, One Love,
hear the children crying, One Heart,
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right,
Let's get together and feel all right.**

Let them all pass all their dirty remarks, One Love,
There is one question I'd really love to ask, One Heart,
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner,
Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own, believe me.

Chorus:

**One Love, One Heart, let's get together and feel all right,
As it was in the beginning, One Love,
so shall it be in the end, One Heart,
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right,
Let's get together and feel all right.**

Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon, One Love,
So when the man comes there will be no, no doom, One Song,
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner,
There ain't no hiding place from the Father of Creation.

Chorus:

**One Love, One Heart, let's get together and feel all right,
I'm pleading to mankind, One Love, One Heart,
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right,
Let's get together and feel all right,
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right.**

The Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Joe Albright

Hymn #526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Litany (based on the National Anthem of Jamaica)

Dr. Verona Lawson

Leader: Eternal Father bless our land,

**All: From Portland and St. Thomas in the East,
to St. James and Hanover in the West,
from St. Ann and Manchester in the North,
to Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth in the South.**

Leader: Guide us with thy mighty hand,

**All: To live as one big family, like we used to long ago,
and care for each other near and far, at home or abroad
(in foreign).**

Leader: Keep us free from evil powers,

All: Undeserving though we be and spare us from being caught in the crossfire between superpowers, Russia, America and China.

Leader: Be our light through countless hours,
All: When the darkness of selfishness, anger and despair, would overwhelm us mercilessly.

Leader: To our leaders great defender,
All: Above all "grant true wisdom from above", we pray.

Leader: Justice, truth, be ours forever,
All: Jamaica land we love,
All: (Sung) Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Choir Anthem National Anthem of Jamaica

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 *Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson*
13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.
4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; **6** it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. **7** It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Barry Davies C.D. *Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson*

Homily "It's All About Love" *Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson*

Hymn #332 "The Right Hand of God" (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

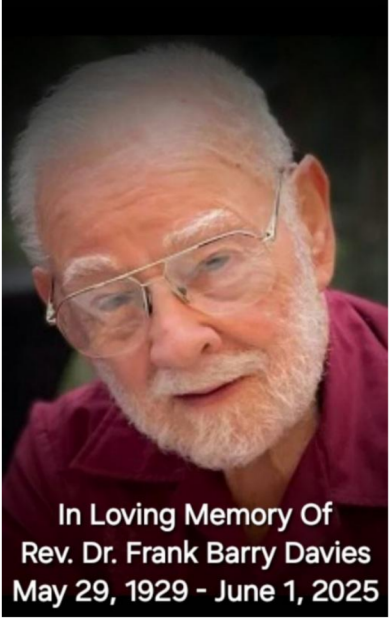
Response and Reflection *Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson*
God's Love as Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer.
Our Love for ourselves and our neighbors.
Our love for our country,
"Jamaica, Land of our Birth" now in Independence 63!
Go out in Joy, with peace and love.

Closing Prayer and Benediction *Rev. Joe Albright*



Please join us in the Narthex following the service for refreshments and fellowship.

This service is in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Barry Davies and dedicated to the Jamaican people.



Reverend Dr. Winston Lawson is an Honorably Retired Presbyterian minister, as of January 2014, having completed some 50 years in ministry. He is a Jamaican by birth, married to his High School sweetheart, Dr Verona Lawson, with 2 adult children, Kwame (wife Aimee) and Indira (husband Ellis) and 3 grandchildren, Omari, Lucien and Sophia. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (MA), the University of the West Indies, Kingston(PhD) and an active member of Peace River Presbytery in Southwest Florida.



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