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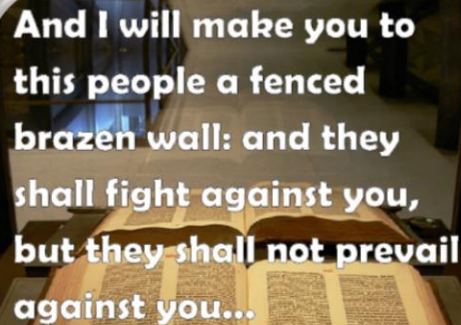
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And I will make you to
this people a fenced
brazen wall: and they
shall fight against you,
but they shall not prevail
against you...

—Jeremiah 15:20

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exchange of Pulpit

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "From the rising of the sun to its going down; The LORD's name is to be praised (Ps. 113:3). We welcome you to worship today, including those who are receiving our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. A special welcome to Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford, the Pastor of the Mount Tabor and Penuel congregations as she leads us for pulpit exchange. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24)

Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 138:1-2, 4-5):

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Congregation: *All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.*

Hymn 459 – “Rejoice And Be Glad”

The Third Order (p. 13 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome & Celebrations

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28

Hymn of Preparation: 244 – “Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It

Sermon – – Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 265 – “Shackled By A Heavy Burden”

Notices & Concerns

The Doxology (Sung)

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 459 –

**Rejoice and be glad!
The Redeemer has come!
Go look on His cradle,
His cross, and His tomb.**

*Sound His praises! tell the story,
Of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises! tell with gladness,
He liveth again.*

**Rejoice and be glad!
It is sunshine at last!
The clouds have departed,
The shadows are past.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For the blood hath been shed;
Redemption is finished,
The price has been paid.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
Now the pardon is free!
The Just for the unjust
Has died on the tree.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant,
And liveth again.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For our King is on high,
He pleadeth for us on
His throne in the sky.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For He cometh again;
He cometh to glory,
The Lamb that was slain.**



The Third Order

All standing, one or more of the following may be used:

This is the day the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;
In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.

God is our refuge and strength;
A very present help in trouble.

A hymn may be sung

God is light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us pray:

Lord, Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies.

Loving God, we have sinned against heaven and before you, and are no more worthy to be called your children. Enter not into judgement with your servants, O Lord, for in your sight shall no one living be justified. We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Lord, for your tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before you now and evermore.

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon you, says the Lord your Redeemer, and I will not remember your sins.

Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.

All standing.

Lift up your hearts,
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us rejoice before the Lord our God
Let us give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 121:

- 1 I will lift up my eyes |unto • the | hills:
From | whence |comes • my | help?
- 2 My help comes | from the | Lord: Who | made | heaven and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your |foot • to be | moved:
He who | keeps • you | will not | slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who | keeps | Israel:
Shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The | Lord • is your | keeper:
The Lord is your shade up - | on your | right| hand.
- 6 The sun shall not | smite you • by | day:
Nei - | ther the | moon by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from | all | evil:
Yes it is even | he • who shall | keep your | soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your | coming | in:
From this time forth and | even • for | ever - | more.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be: World without | end. A- | - | men.

The readings and hymns follow.

Let us pray:

Jesus said, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart:

Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Let us pray for trust in God.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may ever behold your loving presence about us. Draw our hearts to you by the power of your love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what you have given us to do, help us to leave the issue to your wisdom. Take from us the doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to you in heaven, and make us to know that all things are ours, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for a reverent spirit.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you are worthy to receive all honour and glory and blessing. Help us to hallow your name by honouring all that reveals your nature and mind, whether in the life and laws of the world about us, or in your Word, given through your prophets and your Church, or through your Spirit in the human mind and conscience. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Hallowed be your name.

Let us pray for the family of God.

Eternal God, source and type of all true parenthood in heaven and earth, who sent your Son to seek and save the lost; we pray, trusting in your mercy, for all souls that they may be gathered home to you as one family, the lost found, the rebellious reconciled in your eternal kingdom. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Your kingdom come.

Let us pray for God's sovereignty in the world.

O wisest God, whose service is perfect freedom, help us, by continual surrender to you to walk in the way you have prepared for us; so that, in doing your will, we may find our full life; and you may be known and adored throughout the earth. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Your will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.

Let us pray for daily blessings.

O bountiful God, who has blessed this earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly what is needed for life; take from us the spirit of covetousness and give us the spirit of service, that all may share your bounty according to their needs. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Give us this day our daily bread.

Let us pray for forgiveness.

Gracious God, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, renew us day by day after your own image; let all bitterness and anger be put away from us, with all malice. May we be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as you also in Christ forgive us. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Let us pray for strength from above.

Merciful God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand firm, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us at all times and carry us through all temptations. Our Father, hear our prayer,

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Additional prayer may be offered, closing with:

Morning:

O Lord our God, who has bidden the light to shine out of darkness, and has again wakened us to praise your goodness and to ask for your grace, accept now in your mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Evening:

O God, by whose providence both the day and the night are governed, grant that as this day you have kept us by your goodness, so this night you will overshadow us by your blessed protection; that being armed by your defence, we may be preserved from all adversities that may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts that may defile the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General:

Mercifully incline your ear, O Lord, to these our prayers, and fill our hearts with your grace; that loving you with an unfeigned love, may we evermore be defended under your most gracious protection, and be accepted in all our prayers and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now may the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us strong, firm and steadfast; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn and benediction.



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Advanced: Dalrymple Boyce & Lydia Roberts (31st), Cheryl Cadogan-McClean & Sydney Gibson (Sept. 1st), Cianna Downes (3rd)



Congratulations to: Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on September 5, 2020

The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for:

- **Sis Kathleen Forde on the passing of her husband, Bro Carl Forde. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 commencing at 3:00 pm.**
- **Bro Michael Lewis on the passing of his sister, Elaine Lewis, in the UK.**
- **Sis Gwendolyn Brewster and the entire Gibbs family on the passing of her brother, Frank Gibbs, in the USA.**

Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21

15. O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.
16. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.
17. I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.
18. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that fail*?
19. Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.
20. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
21. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28

- 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
- 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
- 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

- 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
- 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
- 28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.



Hymn of Preparation: 244 –

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
 Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
 His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
 No language my rapture can tell;
 I know that the light of His presence
 With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
 I think of Him all the day long;
 I sing, for I cannot be silent;
 His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty
 The King in whose law I delight;
 Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps
 And giveth me songs in the night.



Sermon – – *Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 265 –

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same.

*He touched me, Oh He touched me;
And oh the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I've met the blessed Saviour,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls!



NOTICES & CONCERNS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
Wednesday: Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: Meeting of Board of Elders at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – Tuesday, 1st concluding with a Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
- † Special Meeting of the Moravian Co-operative Credit Union – Saturday, 5th, 4:00 p.m., D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Bethlehem & Faith Deeper Life Services Online – Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 – 7:30 p.m. FaceBook & YouTube. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.
- † Reopening of the Grace Hill Moravian PreSchool – Monday, 21st



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We extend congratulations to all who sat the Common Entrance Examination recently and are headed to secondary schools. Continue to stay focused and may God bless you with further success.

2. From the Provincial Board:

✝ Our brothers and sisters in Trinidad, Tobago, and the Virgin Islands Conferences have once again been sent into lockdown and congregational worship has been curtailed. Let us keep them in prayer as we also take all the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of Covid19.

3. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.

4. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

5. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.



Doxology –

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Organ Postlude



AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- Missionary Collection Boxes – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.

- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

