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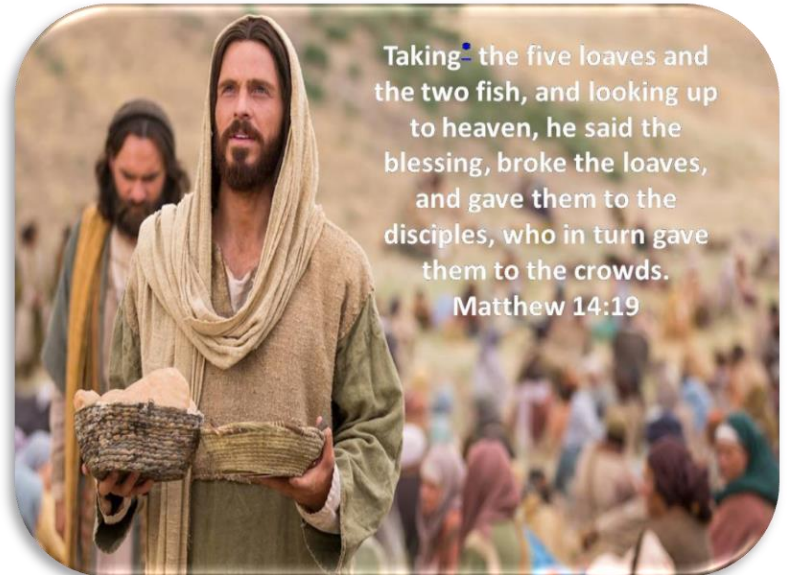
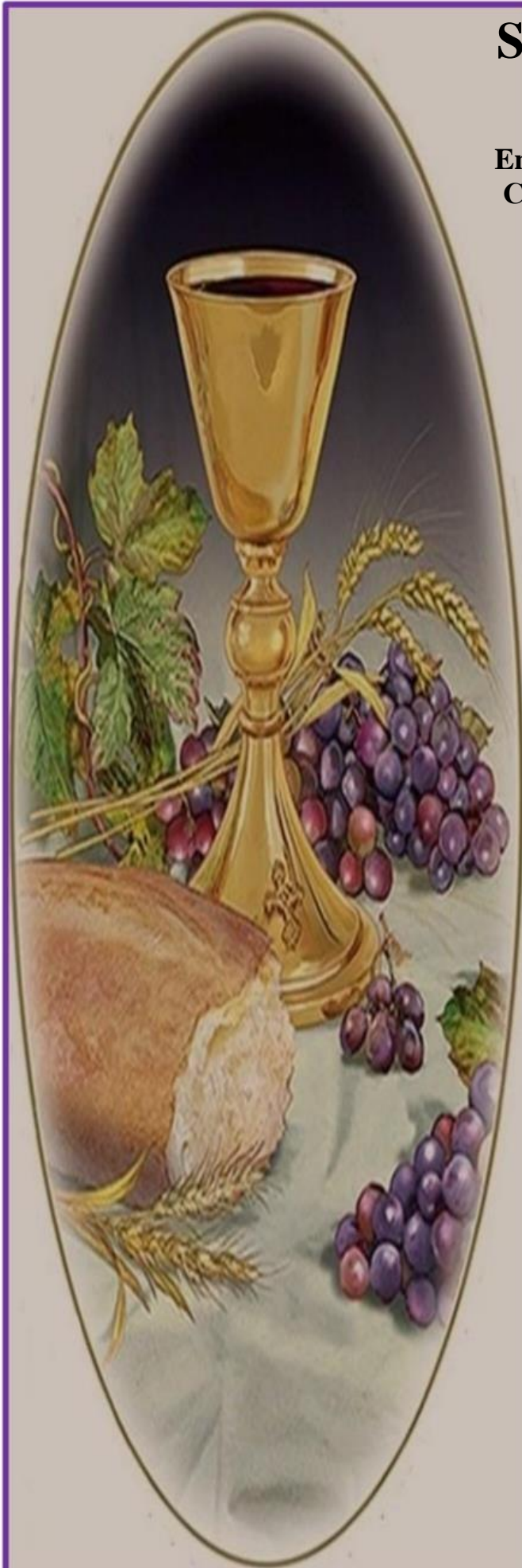
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Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
Matthew 14:19

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We assemble for worship today knowing that in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. We welcome one and all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We give special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region as they celebrate another anniversary with us. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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WATCHWORD: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. (*Psalm 145:9*)

Provincial Theme 2023:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1 – 3

Leader: *Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.*

Congregation: *Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

Hymn 467 – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “. . . the king will answer, ‘Truly I tell you: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however insignificant, you did for me.’” (Matt. 24:40)

Offertory Hymn: 410 – “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Thanks Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Welcome

Greetings from the Diabetes and Hypertension Association – Warrens West Central Celebrations & Notices

Hymn 256 – “Come, We That Love The Lord”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22 – 31

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13 – 21

Hymn of Preparation: 8 – “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Hymn 284 – “O Thou Who Camest From Above”

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HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 334 – “Nearer My God to Thee”

347 – “Jesus Lover of My Soul”

350 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 263 – “I heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

580 – “My Heart is Resting, O My God”

260 – “*O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice*”
Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – “*We Bless Thee for Thy Peace, O God*”
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Covenant Hymn: 600 – “*We Now Return Each To His Tent*”
The Blessing
Organ Prelude



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Organ Prelude

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Hymn 467 –

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.



THE SIXTH ORDER

All standing.

Jesus said, 'I am the good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand'.

'I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

Let us pray:

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, and this is the word that we have from him:

‘The Lord our God, the Lord is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

‘And the second is like it, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Remain seated.

TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION

**Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise be ever thine,
That thy word to us is given,
Teaching us, with power divine,
That the Lord of earth and heaven,
Everlasting life for us to gain,
Once was slain, once was slain.**

Christian Gottfried Clemens (1743 – 1815)

THE CHRIST LITANY

Let us pray:

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, hear us.

By your human birth in likeness of sinful flesh,

Make our bodies your holy temple;
 By your homely toil at the carpenter's craft,
Show us the worth and blessedness of labour;
 By your baptism with water and the Spirit,
Grant us your spirit in the fellowship of your Church;
 By your victory in all temptation,
Strengthen us for the daily fight with sin;
 By all the gracious words that proceeded out of your mouth,
Make the fruit of our lips to glorify God;
 By your healing all manner of sickness,
Send us to minister to those who suffer;
 By your feeding the multitude with bread,
Make us mindful of the needs of the world;
 By your going about doing good,
Show us the righteousness of heaven;
 By your being poor in the things of the earth,
Make us rich towards God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: ST SIMON

**O thou whose human life for us
 Did happiness obtain;
 Thou who, expiring on the cross,
 God's image didst regain;
 We bless thee for the gifts restored
 Through thy humanity;
 Beneath thy shadow, Son of Man,
 'Tis good thy child to be.**

Frederick William Foster (1716 – 1835), alt.

By your transfiguration on the mount,
Show us the divine glory under the veil of flesh;
 By your royal entry into the holy city,
Show us the peaceful glory of your reign;
 By your holy supper with your disciples,
Keep us in fellowship with you and your people;
 By your agony in Gethsemane,
Help us to say at all times, 'Your will be done;'
 By your sufferings and death on the cross,
Show us the weight of the sin which you bore for us;

By your rising again from death to glory,
Lead us on to victory over sin and death;
By your going before us into heaven,
Prepare there a place even for us;
By your sending the Holy Spirit,
Abide with us always even unto the end of the world;
By the blessed hope of your coming again,
Keep us in watchfulness and prayer.

Remain seated.

TUNE: DER SABBATH

**O form us all, while we remain
On earth, unto thy praise;
That each one fully may attain
Thy blessed aim through grace:
Till we in heaven thy face shall see,
May spirit, soul and body be
Preserved by thee against that day
Blameless, O Lord, we pray.**

Moravian Liturgy 1793, anon.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in your vast kingdom, who stand in need of your grace and help. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, together we may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: “. . . *the king will answer, ‘Truly I tell you: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however insignificant, you did for me.’*” (Matt. 24:40)

Offertory Hymn: 410 –

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,

Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Welcome

**Greetings from the Diabetes and Hypertension Association – Warrens West
Central**

Celebrations & Notices



Hymn 256 –

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found,
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

There shall we see his face,
And be all free from sin,
There from the rivers of his grace
There from the rivers of his grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Drink endless pleasures in.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Genesis 32: 22 – 31

22. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.
23. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.
24. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
25. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
26. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
27. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.
28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
29. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
30. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
31. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13 – 21

16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



Hymn of Preparation: 8 –

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!

Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me.
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee.

Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;

And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn 284 –

O Thou, who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me;

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.

Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst

make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*

Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 1

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to Thee!
 E'en though it be a cross
 That raiseth me,
 Still all my song shall be,
 'Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee!'

Though like the wanderer,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness be over me,
 My rest a stone,
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 Nearer, my God to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

There let the way appear
 Steps unto heaven;
 All that thou sendest me,
 In mercy given,
 Angels to beckon me
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

Then, with my waking thoughts
 Bright with thy praise,
 Out of my stony griefs
 Bethel I'll raise;
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

Or, if on joyful wing
 Cleaving the sky,
 Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
 Upward I fly,
 Still all my song shall be,
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.



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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.



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Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;

Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.***



Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk,
Till travelling days are done.



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My heart is resting, O my God,
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but Thine shall fill;

For the waters of the Earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
The hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
To long loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
Who hast made all things mine;
O draw my captive will to thee,
And make it one with thine.



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O happy day that fixed my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

*Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!*

O happy bond, that seals my vows
To him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
While to that sacred shrine I move.

'Tis done; the great transaction's done;
I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
He drew me and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

Now rest, my long-divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;
Here have I found a nobler part,
Here heavenly pleasures fill my breast.

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear!
Till in life's latest hour I bow,
And bless, in death, a bond so dear.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep –
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn – 600

We now return each to his tent,
Joyful and glad of heart
And from our solemn covenant
Through grace will ne'er depart:
Once more we pledge both heart and hand,
As in God's presence here we stand,
To live to him, and him alone,
Till we surround his throne.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

We assemble for worship today knowing that in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. We welcome one and all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We give special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region as they celebrate another anniversary with us. Welcome.





Today: Lelia Gibbs

Advanced Keesha Walrond (8th), Anmari Cumberbatch (9th), Loretta Parris-Husbands (10th), Clifton Clarke & Steve White (11th), David Chandler & Kimberley Turton (12th)

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
 - ✝ Summer Sunday (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ This Week:
- ✝ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ✝ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- ✝ Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
 - ✝ Summer Sunday (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.



In the Month of August 2023:

- ✝ Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *Adventures on Promise Island*. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
- ✝ The Choir will be on break for the month of August.
- ✝ Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2023.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **As of Sunday, July 23, 2023, as the Board of Stewards has decided, we will return to the practice of passing the basket along the pews for the collection of Tithes and Offerings.**
2. **The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:**
 - ✠ **Unity Synod will be held from September 4 – 10, 2023 in South Africa. Unity Synod is the highest decision-making body of the world-wide Moravian Church and is held every seven years. In addition to the Chairman, the Province will be represented by the Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference and Sis. Beverly Job, treasurer of the Trinidad Conference. Unity Synod will be preceded by a meeting of the Unity Board from September 1 – 3, 2023 which the Chairman will attend. Your prayers are requested for the Unity Board meeting and Unity Synod.**
 - ✠ **The Chairman will be out of office for Unity Synod and Vacation leave from August 28 – September 12 and September 13 – September 30, respectively. Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair of the Province, will act as Chairman in his absence.**
3. **The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**
4. **Flower Festival 2023 is scheduled for November 11th & 12th 2023. The theme is "Rebirth". Windows, columns and other locations are available for sponsorship. You may sponsor as an individual, a group, in memory of, etc. Feel free to contact Sis. Heather Hunte or Sis. Joy Best to indicate your desire.**
5. **February 10, 2024 will be the 225th Anniversary of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. Once the Kingdom does not come, the historic point should not pass without a celebration. An Anniversary Committee will be set in place to make plans for and to lead the celebration. We invite suggestions and volunteers to be engaged in the planning.**
6. **We are thankful for your financial support.**
 - ✠ **We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.**
 - ✠ **You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.**
 - ✠ **Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make**

payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - ✚ Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - ✚ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - ✚ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - ✚ You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com
8. Our Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40 a.m.), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), First Ave. Jackson (8:55), Lodge Hill (9:00), Sharon (9:15). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Cynthia Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess*
3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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 2023 – 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**
- † **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- † **Books:**
- ▣ **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.**
- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.**
- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**





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Rev. Devon Mannix



TRINITY MORAVIAN

Rev. Erfin Browne

2023 CALENDAR

"SHIFT: Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, and Re-igniting our Passion"

JANUARY

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01 - New Year's Day
 06 - Epiphany

FEBRUARY

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07 - Grenada's Independence
 22 - Ash Wednesday

MARCH

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05 - Unity Sunday
 26 - Theological Education Sunday
 31 - USVI Transfer Day

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07 - Good Friday
 09 - Easter Sunday

MAY

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18 - Ascension Day
 28 - Pentecost

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04 - Trinity Sunday

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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day

AUGUST

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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence

SEPTEMBER

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19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence
 24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses

OCTOBER

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31 - Reformation Day

NOVEMBER

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01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence
 13 - Chief Elder Festival
 30 - Barbados Independence

DECEMBER

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25 - Christmas Day

MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457.
 Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun- day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education.

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.
 Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722.
 Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415.

Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.
 Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707.
 Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant with God and with one another.
 Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)
 Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732