



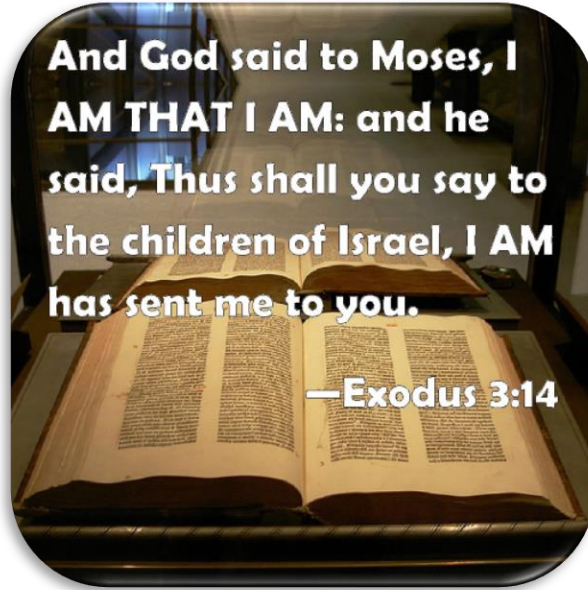
SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.
Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)*



**And God said to Moses, I
AM THAT I AM: and he
said, Thus shall you say to
the children of Israel, I AM
has sent me to you.**

—Exodus 3:14

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“This is the day the Lord has made” and we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Welcome to all who are joining us here in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad.

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WATCHWORD: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
(Psalm 67:5)

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: (Psalm 29:2 – 3)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord
in the splendor of His holiness

Congregation: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.*

Opening Hymn: 410 – “*God of Mercy, God of Grace*”

Confession of Faith V p. 245 – CMP Liturgy Book/Projected

Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all
humankind, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”* (Galatians 6:10)

Offertory Hymn: # 416 – “*I Love to Tell The Story*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations and Notices – Sis. Denise Grant

Hymn: # 234 — “*Are You Washed in The Blood*”

Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3: 9 – 17 – Sis. Denise Grant

New Testament Reading: Acts 7: 12 – 21 – Sis. Eula Gibbs

Hymn of Preparation: 186 – “*Jesus Calls Us O’er The Tumult*”

Sermon – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Closing Hymn: # 233 – “*Jesus Master Whose I Am*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



**Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and
subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our
brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like
us; Follow us; Re-post us.**



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Opening 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.



CONFESSION OF FAITH V

Colossians 1

We give thanks unto the Father,
Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light;
Who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

In whom we have our redemption,
The forgiveness of our sins;
*Who is the image of the invisible God,
The firstborn of all creation;*

For in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth,
Things visible and things invisible,
*Whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; All things have
been created through him and unto him;*

He is before all things,
And in him all things consist.
*And he is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead;*

That in all things he might have the pre-eminence.
*For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness
dwell;*

And through him to reconcile all things unto himself, whether things upon the earth,
or things in the heavens,
Having made peace through the blood of his cross.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all
humankind, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)*

Offertory Hymn: 416 –

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices – Sis. Denise Grant



Adoration in Song: Hymn 234: –

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

*Are you washed ... in the blood, ...
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they pure and clean?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

Are you walking daily by the Saviour's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Pure and clean in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the joys unseen,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb!
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean –
Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!



Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3: 9 – 17 – Sis. Denise Grant

9. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
10. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
11. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
12. And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.
13. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
14. And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
15. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.
16. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17. And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.



New Testament Reading: Acts 7: 12 – 21 – Sis. Eula Gibbs

12. But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
13. And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.
14. Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
15. So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
16. And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.
17. But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
18. Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
19. The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.
20. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
21. And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.



Hymn of Preparation: 186 –

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me;'

As of old apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Saviour make us hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.



Sermon – – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Closing Hymn: 223 –

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased thine alone to be,
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all thine own,
Let me live to thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master, I am thine;
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer:
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,
O be thou my all in all!



Prayer & Benediction



Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

“This is the day the Lord has made” and we will rejoice and be glad in it.”
Welcome to all who are joining us here in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad.



Today: *Arya Mainarde*

Advanced: *Xavier Archer & Fraulene Headley (21st), Harriet Skeete (22nd), Natalea Chandler (23rd), Patricia Maynard & Shaina Sandiford (24th), Daphne Lewis & Patterson Williams (25th), Shemar Adams (26th)*

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 at 9:30 a.m.**
 - † **Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre**
 - † **Missionary Festival at Centenary at 4:00 p.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).**
- † **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 Sundays (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre**



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.**
- † **The Women’s Fellowship will be on break for the month of August.**
- † **Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2023. In his absence, the Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford will act as Superintendent and critical matters can be referred to her through the Joint Board, led by Sis. Carmel Downes – Vice Chairman of the Board of Elders and Sis. Margaret Best – Chairman of the Board of Stewards.**
- † **34th Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union Limited – Saturday, August 19th at 4.30 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Educational Centre.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We say thanks to all who gave an Offering of Different Colours on Sunday, July 30th. A total of BD\$1,331 was received that day towards repairs to our church building.
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.
 - ✠ The Rev. David Ince who currently serves as the Supplementary Associate Pastor of the Bethlehem and Faith Pastorate in Barbados has accepted a call to serve as the Supplementary Associate Pastor of the Sharon and Dunscombe Pastorate in the Barbados Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2023.
 - ✠ The PEC offers congratulations to Sis. Tia Phillip of the Cana Congregation in the Antigua Conference on being elected to serve on the Young People in the Ecumenical Movement Commission. The commission aims to ensure that the prophetic voices of young people are present and heard within the WCC and to empower young people through networking and ecumenical commitment on various levels.
 - ✠ Let us pray for Bro. David Ince and family and Sis. Tia Phillip as they answer the call of God in this season of their lives.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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.



Provincial Theme 2023:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”
“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. – Chairman of PEC



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
 - † **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for the family of:*
 - † *Bro. Ryan Hinds of Hinds Hill, St. Michael, on his passing;*
 - † *Bro. Hal Ifill and Ifill family on the passing of his mother, Sis. Gloria Ifill. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, August 24, 2023 commencing at 3:00 p.m.;*
 - † *Bro. Lawrence Moore, Sis Dawn Maynard and the Holder / Price family on the passing of Sis. Cynthia Moore. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, August 31, 2023 commencing at 3:00 p.m.;*
 - † *The family of Bro. Theophilus Cadogan on his passing.*
4. **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.



