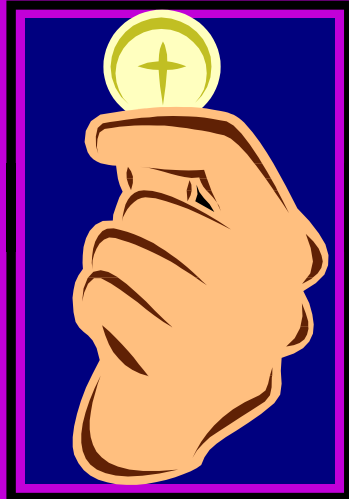


# Communion



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**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**WELCOME:** We are encouraged today to “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free” (Galatians 5:1). Welcome to all— whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A Special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados — West Central Region. We rejoice in the freedom that has been given us Jesus Christ. Welcome

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince**

**WATCHWORD:** *Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:35*

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

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

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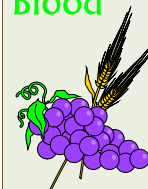
Covenant Hymn: # 447 — *What Brought Us Together*

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## The Blessing

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Body and  
Blood



of  
Christ

## Organ Prelude

## An Invitation to Worship

## Litany for Emancipation (p. 187 — CMP Liturgy Book)

### EMANCIPATION

*All standing.*

Spirit of the living God,

***Fall afresh on us!***

Spirit of the living God,

***Sanctify this space.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Fill us with light and grace and strength.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Fall afresh on us!***

*Tune: Gather Christians*

***Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.***

***Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.***

***Gather, Christians, behold He comes.***

***Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!***

**To God the Father, let's give Him praise.**

**To God the Father our voice we raise.**

**To God the Father who reigns above,**

**Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!**

*Garfield Rochard, b. 1943.*

*All seated.*

Let us confess our sins:

***Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.***

***We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.***

***We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.***

***We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.***

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. ***Amen.***

*All standing.*

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

***We give you thanks.***

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

*We give you thanks.*

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

*We give you thanks.*

*Tune: Right Hand*

**The right hand of God is lifting in our land,  
Lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name,  
And rescued now from shame  
By the lifting of the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is healing in our land,  
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;  
So wondrous is its touch,  
With love that means so much  
When we're healed by the right hand of God.**

*Patrick Prescod (1932—2013).*

*All seated.*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All standing.*

*Tune: To God Be The Glory*

**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.**

***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!***

**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 rapture, when Jesus we see.**

*Frances van Alstyne (1820—1915).*



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:**     *“For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”* (2 Corinthians 9:12 NRSV)

**Offertory Hymn: # 696** — *New Every Morning Is The Love*

**Tune: # 500—Melcombe**

New every morning is the love  
Our wakening and uprising prove,  
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
Restored to life and power and thought.

2 New mercies each returning day  
Hover around us while we pray,  
New perils past, new sins forgiven,  
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3 If on our daily course our mind  
Be set to hallow all we find,  
New treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,  
As more of heaven in each we see;  
Some softening gleam of love and prayer  
Shall dawn on every cross and care.

5 The trivial round, the common task,  
Will furnish all we ought to ask,  
Room to deny ourselves, a road  
To bring us daily nearer God.

6 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
Fit us for perfect rest above;  
And help us, this and every day,  
To live more nearly as we pray .

*1822. J. Keble.*

## 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 & Celebrations

**Greetings from the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados — West Central Region**

### Notices



**Celebration in Song: # 232 — *I Am the Way, King of the Victory***

**Tune: The Way**

*I am the way, king of the victory;  
I am the truth, Lord of the harmony;  
I am the light, light of the world to be.*

*Hosannah! I hold your hand my friend;  
Hosannah! I give you strength my friend;  
Hosannah! You walk the sea my friend;  
We're gonna sail to victory.*

*Sailing, sailing, sailing cross the river sailing;  
Sailing, sailing, sailing cross the river sailing;  
Freedom, freedom, freedom in the life of Jesus.  
Hosannah! I hold your hand my friend;*



*Hosannah! I give you strength my friend;  
Hosannah! You walk the sea my friend;  
We're gonna sail to victory.*

**2** I am the vine, you shall abide in me;  
I am the river, you shall be cleansed in me;  
I am the rock, you shall have life in me.

**3** I am your brother, living in flesh with thee;  
I am your Saviour, dying on Calvary;  
I am your God, rising in victory.

*Richard Ho Lung b. 1939.*



## Ministry of the Written Word

### **First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

- <sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:
- <sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.
- <sup>4</sup> Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.
- <sup>9</sup> And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.
- <sup>10</sup> And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

- 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.
- 13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.
- 14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.
- 15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

**Second Scripture Reading:**

**John 6:24-35**

- 24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.
- 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"
- 26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.
- 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."
- 28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"
- 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
- 30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"

- 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' ”
- 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
- 34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”
- 35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.



**Hymn of Preparation: # 8 — *Break Thou The Bread of Life***

**Tune: Bread of Life**

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!

**2** 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.

**3** 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.

1877. *Mary A. Lathbury, a.*



## Sermon — Rev. Ezra Parris



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## Hymn: # 731— *Lift Every Voice And Sing*

Tune: *Life Every Voice*

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

1899. James Weldon Johnson.



## Musical Interlude & Prayer of Preparation

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 Lord's Supper I

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.***

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.**

*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.*

# 155

Tune: # 142 — Crimond

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green: he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

*1650. Scottish Psalter.*

# 557

Tune: # 516 — St. Etheldreda

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock,  
With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.



- 2 Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,  
As thou when here below,  
Our souls the joys celestial seek,  
That from thy sorrows flow.
- 3 We would not live by bread alone,  
But by that word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.
- 4 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.
- 5 Then share with us in love divine;  
Thy body and thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

*1825. J. Montgomery, a.*

# 347

Tune: Martyn

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!

2 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 defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

3 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.

4 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.

1740. C. Wesley.

*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.*



*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.*

# 211

Tune: Woodworth

Just as I am—without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

7 Just as I am—of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*1836. Charlotte Elliott.*

# 154

Tune: #238 — Maryton

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good  
To them that find thee, all in all.

3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away;  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*1858. R. Palmer.*

# 201

Tune: # 189 — Stephanos

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only thee,  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

2 I am trusting thee for pardon:  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

4 I am trusting thee for power:  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

5 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall:  
I am trusting thee for ever,  
And for all.

*1874. Frances R. Havergal.*

Lord behold our glad rejoicing  
On this glorious harvest day.  
Hear thy people praises voicing,  
Listen as we humbly pray.  
May our land with all its treasure,  
Know the gently falling rain;  
Yield its crops in fullest measure:  
Citrus, pears, bananas, cane.

2 For the glory of our sunshine  
Giving warmth to all our days;  
For our lovely palm-fringed coastline,  
Gracious God accept our praise.  
See the host of flaming flowers  
Set our gardens all ablaze,  
Red hibiscus, golden showers,  
Poincianas, sing thy praise.

3 Mountains stand in awesome grandeur;  
Valleys like serene below,  
Telling of Creation's wonder,  
Of the gifts thou dost bestow.  
For our country, great Creator,  
We would render praises due.  
Fair as morning thou didst make her,  
Make our people lovely too.

*Hugh B. Sherlock d. 1998.*

*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:*

**Tune: Media Vita (Part II)**

***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**

**Tune: # 243 — Belmont**

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.

2 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;

3 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;

4 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.

5 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.

*1858. Anon. in 'Christian Melodies' (American).*



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

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: # 447 — *What Brought Us Together***

**Tune: # 420 — Houghton**

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High-priest imparts.  
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

**2** Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,  
And live in communion with Jesus our friend?

**3** O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
He is our chief object by day and by night;  
This knits us together, no longer we roam,  
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.

*1744. L. E. Schlicht; recast 1826. M.*

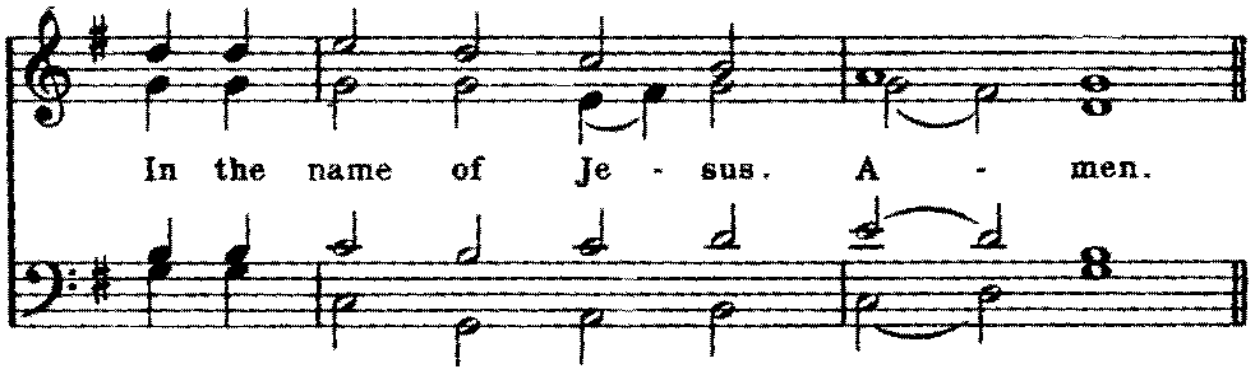


## **THE BLESSING:**

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.

**Sung:**

*In the name of Jesus. AMEN.*



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



## Organ Postlude



## GREETINGS, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

**Welcome:** We are encouraged today to “*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free*” (Galatians 5:1). Welcome to all— whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A Special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados — West Central Region. We rejoice in the freedom that has been given us Jesus Christ. Welcome.



**Today:** *Barbara Murphy-Rock (4th)*

**Advanced:** *Lelia Gibbs (6th), Keesha Walrond (8th), Anmari Cumberbatch (9th), Loretta Parris-Husbands (10th), Steve White (11th).*

## 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

- **Worship & Holy Communion** — 9:30 a.m.
- **Summer Sundays (All Ages)** — 10:00 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.

### THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday: Women's Fellowship** — First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday: Bible Study** (My Faith - *Why I believe what I believe* (1 Peter 3:15-16) — 6:00 p.m. Online via Zoom.  
**Meeting ID:** 861 4335 8604 / **Passcode:** 244093)
- **Saturday: Prayer Meeting** — First & Third Saturdays, in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY

- **Worship** — 9:30 a.m.
- **Summer Sundays (All Ages)** — 10:00 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.

### IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- Our **Sunday School** will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *Living My Blessed Life*. 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 06 – September 02, 2024.
- **Bethlehem's 60th Anniversary Service**—Sunday, August 11th at 4:30 p.m.
- **Centenary Mission Festival** —Sunday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Mt. Tabor Mission Festival** —Sunday, August 18th to 20th
- **A Concert** featuring the **Moramus Singers of Barbados** and **The Barbados Police Service Band** —Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church. Presenting: "Come Let Us Worship". All are invited.

## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

### **1. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon.**

- Upcoming events being planned, include:
  - **Tree Planting on Arbor Day** – September 22, 2024
  - **Anniversary Dinner & Gala** – October 12, 2024 at the Hilton. Dinner - \$200.
  - **Sharon Men Cooking** – December 7, 2024
  - **Planting of a Time Capsule** – February 2025
  - **Closing Service** – February 9, 2025
- We will be ordering **Dry-Fit Polo Shirts for our 225th Anniversary**. The Shirts will be sold at \$50 each. We must make a minimum order of 50 shirts. Please see Sis. Heather Hunte to fit your shirt and to make your order. Full payment will be required before the order is sent to the supplier.
- **We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church.** You don’t have to give it all

at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



## 2. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

- **The Rev. Erflin Browne has returned to the Trinidad Conference** to take up his substantive appointment. Thanks be to God for grace and favour.
- **The Provincial Board will meet in Tobago** from August 15 – 21, 2024. Please pray for the Provincial Board as they seek to be faithful in their leadership of the Province at this time.
- **The Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, will proceed on furlough from September 1, 2024** to December 31, 2024. During his absence, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela will serve as Acting Superintendent. Please pray for Bro. Warner and Sis. Mgonela and their families in this time of transition.

### 3. From the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union:

- Dear Credit Union Member: Please be informed that the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union Limited is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 4.30 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Educational Centre, Sharon Complex, Sharon, St. Thomas. Please make every effort to attend.

### 4. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. We have resumed the “**Basket of Hope**” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which

will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

## **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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## The Past 225 Years



20. The Sharon church is located in an area where much flora and fauna of historical significance can be found: on the approach to the church, in Warrens, stands the huge Baobab tree with its massive girth, while on the church's compound stand the mahogany and sandbox trees - all protected by law.



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**  
✝ *Of our congregation: Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. **The Bereaved:**  
✝ *We express condolences and pray for the family of Bro. Frank Maynard on his passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, August 9, 2024 commencing at 9:30 a.m.*
4. **World Peace**



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✝ **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – 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 for 2024** – 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

† **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.**



### **Provincial Theme 2024:**

***“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*

