

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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MATTHEW 5:13 (KJV)



**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**9:30 a.m.**

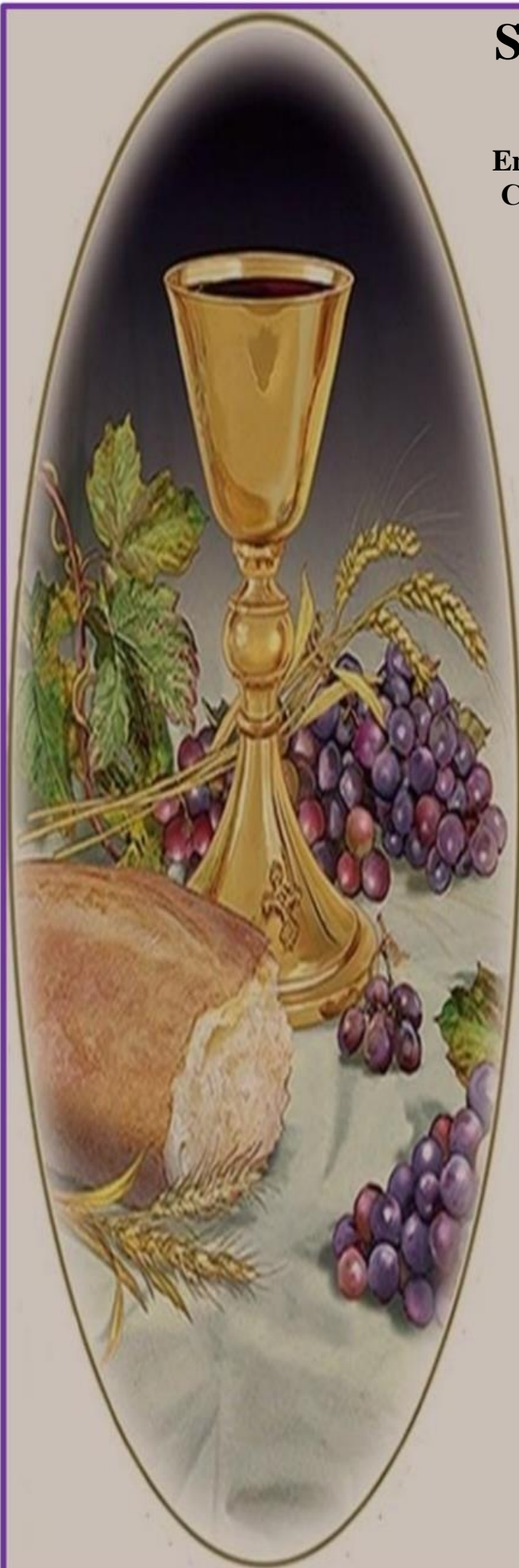
*Welcome:* We declare that *“Life and light and joy are found in the presence of the Lord.”* So we welcome to all to worship today – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May we all experience the blessing of God’s presence.

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris*  
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**WATCHWORD:** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.  
**(1 Corinthians 2:2)**

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

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



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship: (Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4)

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

Congregation: *All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name.*

Hymn 466 – *“Praise To The Lord The Almighty”*

Confession of Faith I p. 240 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Cor. 15:58).

Offertory Hymn: 463 – *“King of Glory, King of Peace”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

The Installation of Officers p. 208 – MP Liturgy Book

Hymn 262 – *“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”*

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Choir Anthem – *“Communion Hymn”*

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Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 434 – *“O Master, When Thou Callest”*

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Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – “*We Bless Thee For Thy Peace, O God*”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 596 – “*We Who Here Together Are Assembled*”

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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Hymn 466 –

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;  
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him!



## CONFESSION OF FAITH I

I believe in the one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself;

***Glory be to You, O Lord most high.***

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in him before  
the foundation of the world;

Who delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the  
kingdom of the Son of his love;

Who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;

Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; having  
foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according  
to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he  
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

***In him I truly believe.***

I believe in the only begotten Son of God, by whom are all things and we through  
him;

Who became flesh, and dwelt among us;

And took on him the form of a servant; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of man;

He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin;

He spoke that which he did know, and bore witness of that which he had seen;

As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.

***In him I truly believe.***

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, and the third day  
rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

***This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and undone human creature,  
purchased and gained me from sin, from death, and from the power of the  
devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his  
innocent suffering and dying; to the end that I should be his own, and in his  
kingdom live under him and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence  
and happiness; even as he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, world  
without end.***

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, that he should be our Comforter, and abide with us for ever;

That he should help our infirmity, and make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; that he should bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and teach us to cry, Abba, Father;

That he should shed abroad in our hearts the love of God;

And make our bodies his holy temple;

And that he should work in us the will of God, dividing his gifts to each one, even as he will.

*In him I truly believe.*

To God be glory in the Church which is in Christ Jesus, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times, and from eternity to eternity.

*Amen.*



## **WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Cor. 15:58).

**Offertory Hymn: 463 –**

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,

Thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enroll thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.



### **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.*



### **Greetings, Celebrations & Notices**



## **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

*From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean*

*All standing.*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: *Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom His Lord shall set over His household to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom His Lord, when He comes shall find so doing.*

Hear also what St. Paul writes: *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. For there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same Lord who works all things in all. But to each one is given*

*the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. Moreover, it is required in stewards that they be found faithful.*

**Let us pray:**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, we give you thanks that you have called us into your service. Grant us, we pray, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may know our calling, and that we may obey you and do your work in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

We are gathered together in the sight of God to publicly commission our brothers and sisters as members of the Board of Elders and Board of Stewards and Delegates to Island Conference. We believe that they have been called of God to this great office. They have been examined and approved, according to the rules and principles of the Moravian Church.

We pray that God will endue them with love and power that they may exercise the ministry of His Word with true conviction and power, edifying His Church, and living to the honour and glory of His name. ***Amen.***

*To the outgoing officers:*

On behalf of the congregation I thank you for your faithful service to God in His Church. May his blessing be yours, and may you experience the joy of knowing that you were used by your Master in a special way as you continue to pray for His guidance in your life and in the life of His Church.

*Addressing those to be installed:*

After prayerful consideration and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the membership of this congregation has chosen you to the office of \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Here the officers and offices shall be named.)*

Are you willing to accept this position now as a trust committed to you by our Lord and Master, the Head of this body, the Church?

**Officers: *I am***

Do you promise to serve to the best of your ability as faithful stewards called by God?

**Officers: *I do, the Lord being my Helper.***

*Addressing the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, inasmuch as these officers, responsible for the well-being of this congregation have publicly pledged themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to exert their very best efforts to this end, will you now promise to bear in mind that you as members collectively elected them, and will you therefore pledge to support them by prayer, by word and by work at all times?

**Congregation:** *We will.*

In the name of the Church's Head, I now declare you to be duly installed into the offices to which you have been elected and appointed.

**Let us pray:**

Almighty Father, who has called us into the fellowship of your church, grant we pray that in all our offices we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual home. Upon those who offer themselves for your service, bestow the fullness of your grace. Bless and help these your servants. Be present in all the works of your Church which are undertaken according to your will. Grant to these labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth and the bliss of serving you in heaven, through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

*A hymn is sung while the Minister extends the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed officers.*

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*Tune: Narenza - # 403*

Ye servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of his heavenly word,  
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame;  
Gird up your loins as in his sight,  
For awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak, he's near;  
Mark the first signal of his hand,  
And ready all appear.



Glad will that servant be,  
In such a posture found!  
Who shall the Lord with rapture see,  
And be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread  
With his own royal hand,  
And raise that faithful servant's head  
Amidst the angelic band.

1755. P. Doddridge.



### Hymn 262 –

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

*But 'I know whom I have believèd,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.'*

I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart;  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill  
May be reserved for me,  
Of weary ways or golden days,  
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noontide fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,

Or meet Him in the air.



## Ministry of the Word

**First Scripture Reading:                    Isaiah 58:1 – 12**

1. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
2. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.
3. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.
4. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.
5. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?
6. Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?
7. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
8. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.
9. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10. And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:
11. And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.
12. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.



**Second Scripture Reading:            Matthew 5:13 – 20**

13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.



**Choir Anthem – “Communion Hymn”**



## Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 434 –

O Master, when thou callest,  
No voice may say thee nay,  
For blest are they that follow  
Where thou dost lead the way;  
In freshest prime of morning,  
Or fullest glow of noon,  
The note of heavenly warning  
Can never come too soon.

O Master, when thou callest,  
No foot may shrink in fear;  
For they who trust thee wholly  
Shall find thee ever near:  
And chamber still and lonely,  
Or busy harvest field,  
Where thou, Lord, rulest only,  
Shall precious produce yeield.

O Master, when thou callest,  
No heart may dare refuse;  
'Tis honour, highest honour,  
When thou dost deign to use;  
Our brightest and our fairest,  
Our dearest — all are thine;  
Thou who for each one carest,  
We hail thy love's design.

They who go forth to serve thee,  
We too who serve at home,  
May watch and pray together  
Until thy kingdom come.

In thee for aye united,  
Our song of hope we raise,  
Till that blest shore is sighted  
Where all shall turn to praise.



## 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.*

*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.*



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I hunger and I thirst,  
Jesus, my manna be;  
Ye living waters, burst  
Out of the rock for me.

Thou bruised and broken bread,  
My life-long wants supply;  
As living souls are fed,  
O feed me, or I die.

Thou true life-giving Vine,  
Let me Thy sweetness prove;  
Renew my life with Thine,  
Refresh my soul with love.

Rough paths my feet have trod,  
Since first their course began;  
Feed me, Thou Bread of God;  
Help me, Thou Son of Man.

For still the desert lies  
My fainting soul before;  
O living waters, rise  
Within me evermore.



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My faith looks up to thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,

Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire:  
As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Saviour, then, in love  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul.



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Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.



I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness:  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;  
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heavenly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.



*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.*



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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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Jesus makes my heart rejoice,  
I’m his sheep, and know his voice;  
He’s a shepherd, kind and gracious,  
And his pastures are delicious;  
Constant love to me he shows,  
Yea, my worthless name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,

I go in and out in peace;  
He will feed me with the treasure  
Of his grace in richest measure;  
When, athirst, to him I cry,  
Living water he'll supply.

To be his such joy doth bring  
That I here must ever sing;  
And when these blest days are over  
To the arms of my dear Saviour  
I shall be conveyed to rest:  
Yea, my lot indeed is blest.



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Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



*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 – 596**

We who here together are assembled,  
Joining hearts and hands in one,  
Bind ourselves with live that's undissembled,  
Christ to love and serve alone:  
O may we our imperfect songs and praises  
Be well-pleasing unto thee, Lord Jesus:  
Say, 'My peace I leave with you:'  
Amen, Amen, be it so.



### ***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 declare that “*Life and light and joy are found in the presence of the Lord.*”  
So we welcome to all to worship today – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May we all experience the blessing of God’s presence.



*Today: Gloria Ifill*

*Advanced Shada Applewhaite, Tara Gilkes & Margaret Morris (6<sup>th</sup>),  
Patsy Turton-Beckles (7<sup>th</sup>), Kenton Jones (10<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Lowe & Tia  
Phillips (11<sup>th</sup>)*

### **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.  
‡ Installation of Officers  
‡ Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.

**THIS WEEK – Friendship Week. Tell a friend about Sharon and invite them to Church or our Livestream on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.**

- ✝ **Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- ✝ **Wednesday: Bible Study** – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ **Friday: Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Anniversary (224<sup>th</sup> of Church Building) & Friendship Sunday**

- ✝ **Worship** – 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ **Sunday School (All Ages)** – 10:00 a.m.



**In the Month of February 2023:**

- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Fulnec** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ **Friendship Week** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. Tell a friend about Sharon and invite them to Church on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **Men’s Prayer Conference** – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> on Zoom at 8:00 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Nevin Lewis of Lebanon & Enon in Antigua.
- ✝ **Police Service Band Concert** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.
- ✝ **Anniversary & Friendship Sunday** – 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.
- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Calvary** – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ **Women’s Prayer & Fasting** – Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> on Zoom at 9:00 a.m.
- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Dunscombe** – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ **Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service** – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ✝ **Conference Fundraising Fish Fry & Karaoke** – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> at Sharon
- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill** – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ **Black Heritage Sunday** – 26<sup>th</sup>. Come in your Afro wear. Celebrate our identity and heritage.



**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. We install our leaders today and we express our thanks to those who would have completed two terms of service – **On the Board of Elders: Sis Shirley Cadogan and Sis. Ismay Straker. On the Board of Stewards: Sis Jennifer Clarke.**
2. Those who will be installed today are as follows:

<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>STEWARDS</b>	<b>Elected</b>
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<b>Sis. Diana Boyce</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sis. Hazel Carter</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton</b>	<b>2019 / 22</b>
<b>Sis. Cora Cumberbatch</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Margaret Best</b>	<b>2019 / 22</b>
<b>Sis. Carmel Downes</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>	<b>Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>
<b>Sis. Merville Franklyn</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Sonia King</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sis. Lelia Gibbs</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>	<b>Sis. Evelina King-Harper</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sis. Denise Grant</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>	<b>Bro. Andrew Lowe</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Sis. Angelus Hurdle</b>	<b>2018 / 21</b>	<b>Sis. Brenda Mascoll</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Monica Maynard</b>	<b>2019 / 22</b>
<b>Bro. Anthony Ifill</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Sis. Zenaida Ramsay</b>	<b>2019 / 22</b>
<b>Sis. Veronica Leacock</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>	<b>Sis. Jacqueline Walrond</b>	<b>2018 / 21</b>
<b>Bro. Edwin Sandiford</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Orrin Williams</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Sis. Grace Sandiford</b>	<b>2018 / 21</b>		

**DELEGATES TO ISLAND CONFERENCE**

<b>Sis. Margaret Best</b>	<b>2019 / 22</b>	<b>Sis. Orrin Williams</b>	<b>2020 / 23</b>
<b>Sis. Angelus Hurdle</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Sis. Marion Stanford (Alternate)</b>	

- 3. We will be holding a fund-raising Concert featuring the Barbados Police Service Band on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at \$25.00 each. Guest Performers include Bro. Shirley Stewart and Season 2 winner of Baje to the World – Tarique O’neal Griffith. Please mark the date on your calendar. We look forward to your support.**



4. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 10, 2023. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets.
5. A Church Membership Class for adults will be started shortly and those who are interested in becoming full members of this church are invited to register. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.
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)



#### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
 † Of our congregation: *Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls (QEH – A5), Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: *The Greenidge family on the passing of Sis. Ione Drakes and Sis. Coraleen Greenidge. A Service of Thanksgiving for their lives will be held here at Sharon on Monday, February 13, 2023 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*
4. World Peace



## IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

### ALAN EMTAGE



Alan Emtage was the black technologist who invented the first major Internet Search Engine. He is a Barbadian by birth, and a past student of Harrison College. Mr. Alan Emtage now resides in Canada and has received much recognition at home and abroad for his invention – a feature that we all take for granted.



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. We acknowledge:

A monetary donation by Sis. Etwin Parris to the ministry of the church.



### AVAILABLE:

- † 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.
- † Moravian Daily Text 2023:
  - ♦ American Paperback Edition – \$25
  - ♦ American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$31

- † **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.**

