

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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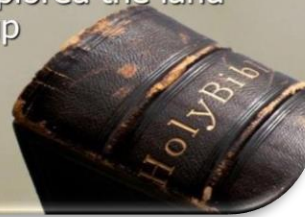
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## Numbers 13:30-32 (NLT)

30) But Caleb tried to encourage the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"  
31) But the other men who had explored the land with him answered, "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"



Sunday, November 21, 2021

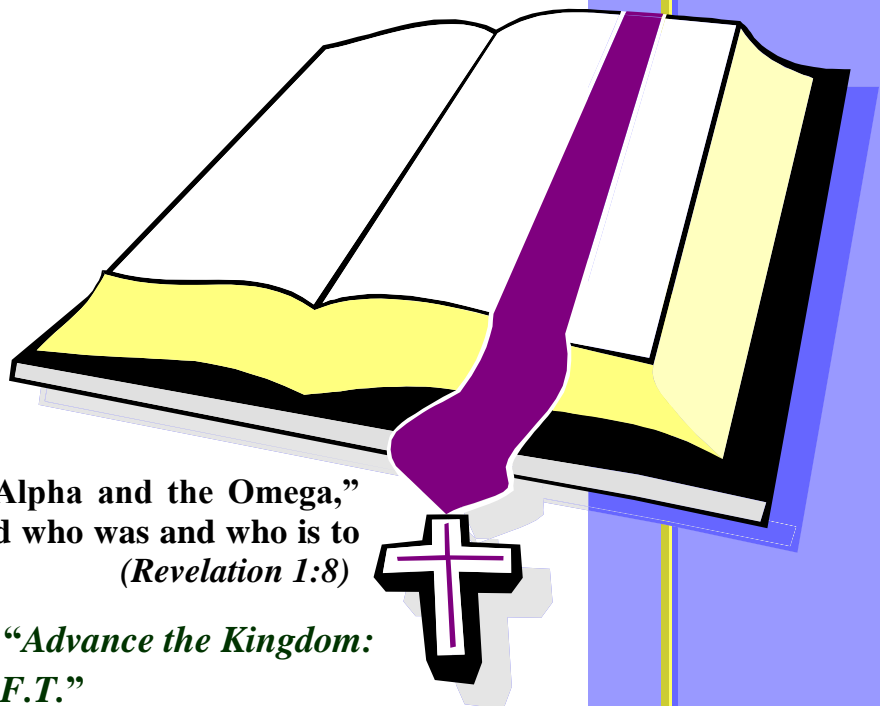
Reign of Christ Sunday

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** We confess today with the church universal that Jesus is Lord, and give him all honour and glory and praise. Welcome, as we worship here in the sanctuary and as you join us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome to all.

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**  
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**Associate Pastor:**  
**Rev. Movelle Kellman**



**WATCHWORD:** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.  
(Revelation 1:8)

**Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom:  
S.H.I.F.T."**

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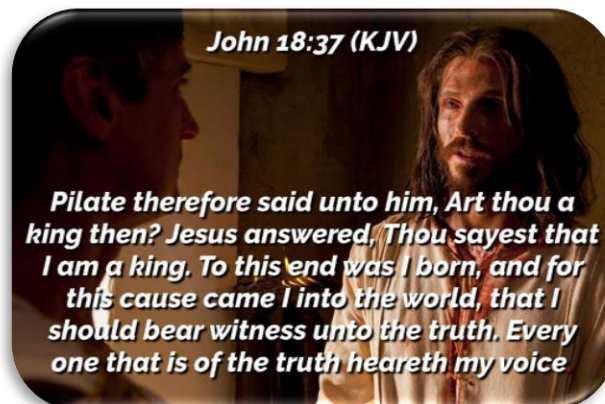
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## **Invitation to Worship: The Third Order of Public Worship**

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

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

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

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



### **Hymn 38 –**

**Immortal, invisible  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
Hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting,  
And silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest,  
To both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
As leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish;  
But naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory,  
Pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
All veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:**

O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour  
Of light hideth Thee.



### The Third Order (*continued*)

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

**Let us pray:**

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

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

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

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

*Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.*

*All standing.*

Lift up your hearts,

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us rejoice before the Lord our God

*Let us give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.*

### Psalm 121:

**1 I will lift up my eyes |unto • the | hills:**

**From | whence |comes • my | help?**

**2 My help comes | from the | Lord: Who | made | heaven and | earth.**

**3 He will not suffer your |foot • to be | moved:**

**He who | keeps • you | will not | slumber.**

**4 Behold, he who | keeps | Israel:**

Shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.

**5 The | Lord • is your | keeper:**

The Lord is your shade up - | on your | right| hand.

**6 The sun shall not | smite you • by | day:**

Nei - | ther the | moon by | night.

**7 The Lord shall preserve you from | all | evil:**

Yes it is even | he • who shall | keep your | soul.

**8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your | coming | in: From this  
time forth and | even • for | ever - | more.**

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

**Let us pray:**

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

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

**Let us pray for trust in God.**

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

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

**Let us pray for a reverent spirit.**

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

*Hallowed be your name.*

**Let us pray for the family of God.**

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

*Your kingdom come.*

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

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

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

### **Let us pray for daily blessings.**

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

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

### **Let us pray for forgiveness.**

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

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

### **Let us pray for strength from above.**

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

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

*Additional prayer may be offered, closing with:*

#### **Morning:**

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

#### **Evening:**

O God, by whose providence both the day and the night are governed, grant that as this day you have kept us by your goodness, so this night you will overshadow us by your blessed protection; that being armed by your defence, we may be preserved from all

adversities that may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts that may defile the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Morning and Evening:***

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

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



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**



**Adoration in Songs & Choruses**



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



**Solo – “*Deep River*” – Sis Sonia King**



**Ministry of the Word**

**First Scripture Reading: Numbers 13: 26 – 33**

26. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.
27. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.
28. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.
30. And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
31. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.
32. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.
33. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.



### Choir Selection – *“God Is On Our Side”*



### Second Scripture Reading: **John 18: 33 – 37**

33. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?
34. Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?
35. Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?
36. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
37. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.





## Hymn of Preparation: 273 –

All the way my Saviour leads me,  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages –  
'Jesus led me all the way!'



## Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman*



## Hymn of Reflection – “*In Times Like These*”

In times like these you need a Saviour,  
In times like these you need an anchor;  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

*This rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;  
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

In times like these you need the Bible,  
In times like these O be not idle:  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

In times like these I have a Saviour,  
In times like these I have an anchor;  
I'm very sure, I'm very sure  
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!



### **Prayer of Commitment and Intercession**



### **Closing Hymn: 292 –**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

We confess today with the church universal that *Jesus is Lord*, and give him all honour and glory and praise. Welcome, as we worship here in the sanctuary and as you join us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome to all.



Today: *Jennifer Clarke, Rev. Ezra Parris & Shakaylah Wickham*  
Advanced: *Evangeline Downes & Marion King-Taylor (22<sup>nd</sup>), Danielle Downes (23<sup>rd</sup>), Sonia Alleyne & Melissa Drakes (24<sup>th</sup>), Vera Francis, Celia Holder & Marion Stanford (25<sup>th</sup>), Kemar Turton (26<sup>th</sup>), Marcia Carrington, Philmore Davis & Denzil Holder (27<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Gregory & Sis. Nesha Nicholls who will celebrate their 16<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2021*

## 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.

† 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: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

† Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

† NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship & Blessing of Infant at 9:30 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The number we have been permitted for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon has been increased to forty-two (42), which means that, deducting those who support the livestreaming of our services, only twenty-two (22) more can be accommodated. Those who desire to attend should register by calling the Church Office (425-4011) on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first twenty-two (22) will be accepted. To avoid confusion, registration will only be by direct conversation with the Office Assistant by telephone, for the coming Sunday. Please seek to attend at the most every-other week, to give others an opportunity.
2. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and they are available in black, burgundy and navy.



3. On Sunday, November 28, 2021 we will be offering an Independence / Republic Appetizer, Snack & Desert. Available for take-away would be Soup (Lunch-time appetizer), Conkies and Sweet Bread. Orders can be placed with the Church Office or any member of the Board of Stewards. Orders can be collected after worship at 11:00 a.m. This is a fund-raiser and remember — every little bit helps.
4. There will be a Meeting of Island Conference on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the D. C. Moore Centre, commencing at 10:00 a.m.
5. A follow-up session to the Provincial Engagement & Empowerment Workshop which was held October 25 – 28, 2021 will be held on Thursday, December 9th, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Present will be Beth Lewis (of the USA), who held the initial session on October 25th and her husband, Rev. Rick Rouse. They will be reviewing the results of the listening and planning exercise being carried out across the Province. Your pastors will be soliciting responses from you on how we can strengthen our church and on opportunities for ministry in our community. Your feedback and input would be of much assistance and would be greatly appreciated.
6. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
  - † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So, we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - † Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
  - † Those who are not back out to church as yet 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 LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:** *Ruth Bishop & Andilla Haynes*
3. **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: *The family of Sis. Lena Cordice on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, November 26, 2021 commencing at 3:30 p.m.; Bro. Victor Bedford and the Bowen family on the passing of his sister Coral Bowen. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.*
4. **The people of the region as we are in the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.**



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.
- ✚ 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.





## Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

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

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

