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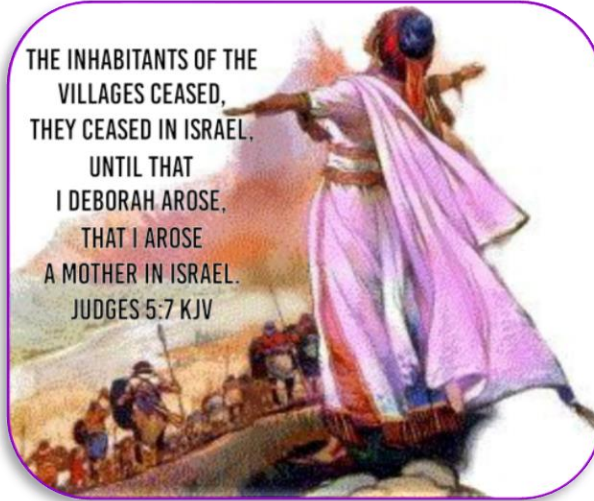
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THE INHABITANTS OF THE
VILLAGES CEASED,
THEY CEASED IN ISRAEL.
UNTIL THAT
I DEBORAH AROSE,
THAT I AROSE
A MOTHER IN ISRAEL.
JUDGES 5:7 KJV



Sunday, October 17, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Women's Fellowship Sunday

9:30 a.m.

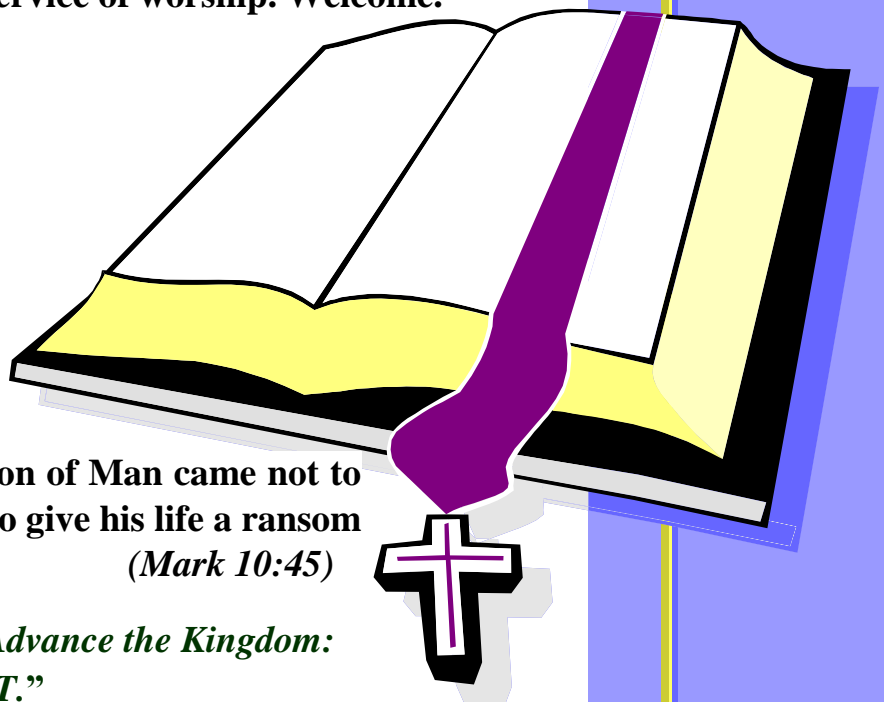
Welcome: We extend a sincere welcome to all on this Women's Fellowship Sunday, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. This is the House of God; and may He alone be praised and adored in this service of worship. Welcome.

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

WATCHWORD: For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.
(Mark 10:45)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 150: 1 – 2)

Leader: Praise the Lord, praise Him in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty heaven.

Congregation: *Praise Him for His acts of power; Praise Him for His surpassing greatness*

Hymn 389 – “*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*”

Litany for Women and Mothers p. 210 – 213, CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis. Candace Barker

Poem – Sis. Lelia Gibbs

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Judges 5: 3 – 8 – Sis. Etwin Parris

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 31 – Sis. Norma Nicholls

Hymn 186 – “*Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult*”

Sermon – – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Hymn of Commitment: 233 – “*Jesus Master, Whose I am*”

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession – Sis. Joan Taylor

Hymn 273 – “*All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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



But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:30–31

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Hymn 389 –

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage –
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
Over self to reign as kings;
And as priests, his solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joy and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

WOMEN AND MOTHERS

All standing.

Today, Lord God, we give thanks and praise for all women and mothers; all who have joined with you in the special task of co-creating.

For them and their labours, we praise you.

For all women who have yielded their bodies as vehicles and borne children and replenished your creation.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have nurtured and cared for other people's children and loved them as their own.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who each day make personal sacrifices as they toil to provide for fatherless children.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have lost their lives while giving life to others.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for all other Christian women who taught their children the faith and to walk in your fear.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have successfully served and excelled in their chosen careers and for those who have supported their efforts and lauded their achievements;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those women who have given of their best, whether with the family, the marketplace, the Church, or seats of leadership;

Father in heaven, we thank you.

Tune: Thank You Lord

**Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, thank you Lord.
I just want to thank you; I just want to thank you;
I just want to thank you Lord.**

Traditional

All seated.

We pray, O heavenly Father:

For mothers who have laboured with men to bring up their children in your faith and favour.

Strengthen them O Lord.

For women and mothers who teach our children in the classrooms of life.

Strengthen them O Lord.

For those who are frustrated with demands and responsibilities of nurturing young lives.

Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.

For those who feel broken and bruised by the pressures of this life.

Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.

All Women:

Loving God, you created us for yourself. Forgive us where we have taken lightly the tasks of motherhood and the blessings of womanhood.

For those who have not given love and care to others in need;

For those who have not lived out their faith so that others can see;

For those who have failed to be who you call us to be, we seek forgiveness, Lord.

Help us to see that you desire to fill us with yourself and make us whole.

Tune: Fill My Cup

**Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Saviour speaking:
'Draw from my well that never shall run dry.'**

*Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more —
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

Richard E. Blanchard (1925 – 2004)

Lord, we pray for women who are victims of war and poverty and for those who are raped and brutalized daily.

*Speak your peace, Lord, to the troubled sea of their lives and change their course.
Speak your courage and your power that they may rise up and change the course
of their lives.*

Lord, we pray for women and mothers who struggle to make ends meet and have nothing to set before their children. We lift up before you women and others who live in situations

of domestic violence; those who feel small and worthless to change their situation; those who feel ashamed and endure their pain in silence. Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto you.

Loving Lord, we think of those women, who as mothers, have suffered the loss of children. We remember especially the children who have died in their youth and infancy. We are confident, good Lord, that you have taken them into your everlasting arms. Help us to not forget the women who are mothers of unborn children—pregnancies which have been miscarried or aborted. We also lift before you women who patiently await the joys of motherhood and those who have not had that privilege.

Give your grace and strength, merciful Lord.

Lord, we thank you for all women and for our mothers. We are grateful for the sacrifice they have made. We thank you too for the Christian example they have set by raising those entrusted to their care in the house of God. Forgive us where we have neglected to express our love and gratitude to those women whose lives have impacted ours. Lead us to honour and respect our mothers and the women in our lives.

May Almighty God bless all women and mothers. May Jesus Christ empower them to do His will. And, may the Holy Spirit lead them into all truth, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis. Candace Barker



Poem – Sis. Lelia Gibbs



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Judges 5: 3 – 8 – Sis. Etwin Parris

3. Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
4. LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.
5. The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.
6. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
7. The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.
8. They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?



Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 31 – Sis. Norma Nicholls

26. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
27. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
28. And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
29. That no flesh should glory in his presence.
30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
31. That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.



Hymn 186 –

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

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

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

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

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



Sermon – – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch*



Hymn of Commitment: 233 –

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

Other lords have long held sway;
Now thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,

Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

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



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession – Sis. Joan Taylor



Closing Hymn: 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!’



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Advanced: Kenrick Hinkson, Asha Jones & Justina Lowe (19th), Andrew Lowe, Barbara Maynard & Aaron Nicholls (20th), Karen Alleyne & Eula Gibbs (21st)



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Justina Lowe in celebration of her birthday.

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).

† Tuesday: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

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

✝ NEXT SUNDAY – Missions Sunday

✝ Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

✝ Women's Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:

- ✦ Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 9th, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ✦ Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 17th
- ✦ Impromptu Quiz – Saturday, 23rd, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ✦ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 24th, 5:00 p.m. (Details to follow)

✝ Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 24th, 9:30 a.m.

✝ The Conference at Prayer – Saturday 30th at 6:00 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. From the PEC:

✝ The Moravian family expresses condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Margaret John, who died on October 11, 2021 at age 98 years. Sis. John was the widow of the late Rev. Alva John, both of Tobago. Details of the funeral services are not yet available, however, Sis. John's mortal remains will be interred in Tobago. Please pray for her children Joycelyn, Anthony, and Annette and their families, as they mourn the death of their mother and grandmother.

✝ The Provincial Board has planned a week of engagement and empowerment for Staff and Congregational Leaders for October 25 – 28 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. under the theme “*Making the SHIFT.*”

- October 25 & 26 will be a workshop on “*Strategic Thinking*” led by Beth Lewis of Protestant Church-owned Publishers Association (PCPA) and principal of Getting2transformation.
- October 27 & 28 will be conversations on “*Going Back the way you came: Church and Church planting in this era*” led by Bishop Conrad Spencer and Rev. Algernon Lewis.

- ▶ These conversations are meant to help us listen to each other and listen to God, as we look ahead to the 33rd Provincial Synod in July 2022. All Pastors and Congregational leaders are expected to attend.
- 3. Repairs to the church Organ are in progress and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.
- 4. 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 for these details.
- 5. 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: *Bro. Dennis and Sis. Julia Depeiza and family on the passing of their son Mario. Bro. Carlos Knight and the Knight family on the passing of his mother Anne Knight. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, October 22, 2021, commencing at 9:30 a.m.*
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.**





NOTICE



UPON ENTERING
PLEASE USE
HAND SANITIZER
HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19

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.**

