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Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

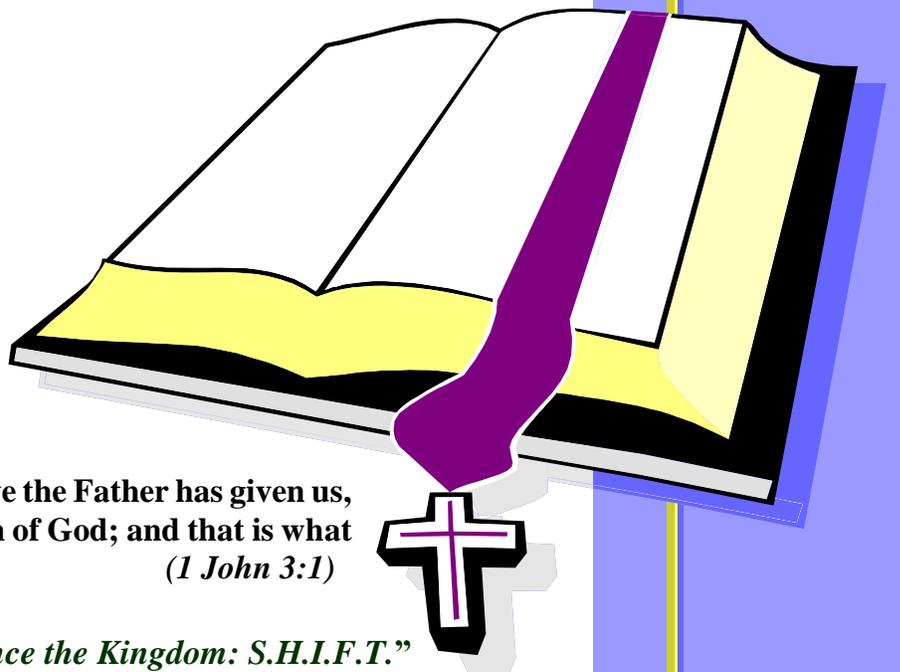
Welcome: *“He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.”*
Such is our confession today on this Third Sunday of Easter. We rejoice and glorify the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
(1 John 3:1)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:6 – 7):

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker

Congregation: *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.*

Hymn 485 – *“Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 4

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 459 – *“Rejoice and Be Glad!”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b – 48

Hymn of Preparation: 213 – *“Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

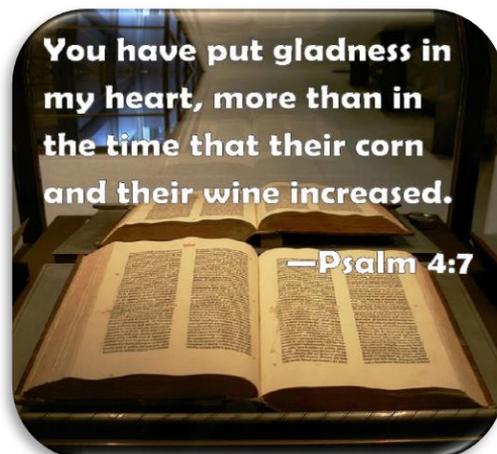
Hymn 273 – *“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 485 –

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.
Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:**

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.**

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.
Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.**



Responsive Reading – Psalm 4

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.**
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.**
- 3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.**

- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
- 8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving



Hymn 459 –

**Rejoice and be glad!
The Redeemer has come!
Go look on His cradle,
His cross, and His tomb.**

*Sound His praises! tell the story,
Of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises! tell with gladness,
He liveth again.*

**Rejoice and be glad!
It is sunshine at last!
The clouds have departed,
The shadows are past.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For the blood hath been shed;
Redemption is finished,
The price has been paid.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
Now the pardon is free!
The Just for the unjust
Has died on the tree.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant,
And liveth again.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For our King is on high,
He pleadeth for us on
His throne in the sky.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For He cometh again;
He cometh to glory,
The Lamb that was slain.**



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b – 48

- 36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.**
- 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.**
- 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?**
- 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.**
- 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.**
- 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?**
- 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.**
- 43 And he took it, and did eat before them.**

- 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.



Hymn of Preparation: 213 –

SAVIOUR, like a shepherd lead us
 Much we need thy tender care;
 In thy pleasant pastures feed us;
 For our use thy folds prepare:
 Blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us;
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep from ill, from sin defend us;
 Seek us when we go astray:
 Blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse and power to free:
 Blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to thee.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



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!'



Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Cornetta Franklin & Liam Pinder

Advanced: Gloria Skeete (22nd), Anson Skeete (25th), Ansonia Burgess (27th), Samantha Lewis (28th), Yvonne Burrell (29th), Diana Boyce, & Toni Thompson (30th)



Congratulations to Bro. Elsworth Clarke & Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke who are celebrating their 23rd Wedding Anniversary today; Bro. Walwyn & Sis. Shirley Blackman who will celebrate their 48th Wedding Anniversary on April 28, 2021.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† TODAY: Worship – 9:30 am.

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. online via Zoom

† Saturday: “Touch & Go” – 4:00 p.m.

† NEXT SUNDAY: Youth Convention Sunday

† Worship – 10:00 a.m. On YouTube and FaceBook. No gathering here at Sharon.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

† The Province is exploring ways that we might support our sisters and brothers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines with the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano. Based on the initial conversation and the changing dynamics, the suggestion is that we provide cash to purchase items such as food, water, and bedding to support the displaced peoples. These items are best shipped from a nearby island (Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada) in coordinated efforts. Our partner in this effort is the Methodist Church which has two circuits in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. In the meantime, we are invited to give towards the purchase of the above items for the victims of the volcano. All monies collected will go towards the victims of the volcano.

† The Provincial Day of Prayer continues on Saturday May 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This hour of fellowship and praise is tagged, *An Evening of Thanksgiving*, as we focus on giving thanks to God. Members are invited to share testimonies of their experience of God through our Lenten Prayer and Fast. Your testimony may be in word, song, dance, instrumental, or spoken word. Please indicate your willingness to share with your Pastor/Superintendent so that our time may be properly structured. You may also record your testimony. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

- ✝ The PEC has granted furlough to the Rev. Roslyn Hamblin of the Bethlehem and Faith Moravian Pastorate in the Barbados Conference. Sis. Hamblin's furlough runs from April 15, 2021 to August 14, 2021.
- ✝ The PEC has granted furlough to the Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd of the Friedensthal Moravian Church in St. Croix, Virgin Islands Conference. Sis. Ross-Floyd's furlough runs from May 3, 2021 to September 2, 2021.
- ✝ The PEC has granted furlough to the Rev. Walton Frederick of the Friedensfeld Moravian Church in St. Croix, Virgin Islands Conference. Bro. Frederick's furlough runs from August 3, 2021 to December 2, 2021.

Please keep Sis. Hamblin, Sis. Ross-Floyd, and Bro. Frederick and their families in your prayers.

2. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference is holding a series of youth activities entitled "Touch and Go" via Zoom:
 - ✝ Seniors (13yrs & Over) – Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Come, share and explore under the theme: "*S.H.I.F.T the Focus.*"
3. On the last Sunday of April on which the Moravian Church Barbados Conference holds its Annual Youth Convention, the youth of the Conference will host an online worship experience at 10:00 a.m. The message will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis from the USVI Conference. All are invited to visit the Conference' YouTube Channel and FaceBook Page for the livestream.
4. The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is "*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*" (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.
5. 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.

6. 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, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados and other nearby islands as we deal with the effects of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent.



AVAILABLE:

- ✚ Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24
- ✚ 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
- ✚ On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- ✚ Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- ✚ The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



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 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 three 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 three 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, Dedication, 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.

