



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“In His presence, there is fullness of joy; At His right hand, pleasures forevermore.”* With thanksgiving we gather for worship today. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. To God be all honour, glory and praise. Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:13,14)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-3)

Leader: *I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Congregation: *My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.*

Leader: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*

Congregation: *And let us exalt His name together.*

Opening Hymn: 28 – *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

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Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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Scripture Reading: John 12:1 – 8 – *Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton*

Choir Anthem – *“We Will Remember You”*

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 317 – *“Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 154 – *“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”*
581 – *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee . . .”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 153 – *“Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”*
250 – *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

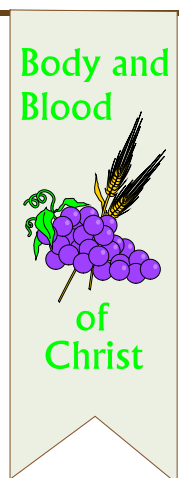
Hymn of Thanksgiving: 588 – *“For the Bread and for the Wine”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 28 -

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,

God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.



THE SIXTH ORDER

(Also for use in Advent, Lent, and before the Lord's Supper)

All standing.

Jesus said, 'I am the good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand'.

'I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

Hymn

Let us pray:

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, and this is the word that we have from him:

‘The Lord our God, the Lord is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

‘And the second is like it, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Remain seated.

TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION

**Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise be ever thine,
That thy word to us is given,
Teaching us, with power divine,
That the Lord of earth and heaven,
Everlasting life for us to gain,
Once was slain, once was slain.**

Christian Gottfried Clemens (1743 - 1815)

The readings with hymns or Te Deum.

Let us pray:

The Christ Litany

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, hear us.

By your human birth in likeness of sinful flesh,

Make our bodies your holy temple;

By your homely toil at the carpenter's craft,

Show us the worth and blessedness of labour;

By your baptism with water and the Spirit,

Grant us your spirit in the fellowship of your Church;

By your victory in all temptation,

Strengthen us for the daily fight with sin;

By all the gracious words that proceeded out of your mouth,

Make the fruit of our lips to glorify God;

By your healing all manner of sickness,

Send us to minister to those who suffer;

By your feeding the multitude with bread,

Make us mindful of the needs of the world;

By your going about doing good,

Show us the righteousness of heaven;

By your being poor in the things of the earth,

Make us rich towards God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: ST SIMON

**O thou whose human life for us
Did happiness obtain;
Thou who, expiring on the cross,
God's image didst regain;
We bless thee for the gifts restored**

Through thy humanity;
Beneath thy shadow, Son of Man,
'Tis good thy child to be.

Frederick William Foster (1716-1835), alt.

By your transfiguration on the mount,

Show us the divine glory under the veil of flesh;

By your royal entry into the holy city,

Show us the peaceful glory of your reign;

By your holy supper with your disciples,

Keep us in fellowship with you and your people;

By your agony in Gethsemane,

Help us to say at all times, 'Your will be done;'

By your sufferings and death on the cross,

Show us the weight of the sin which you bore for us;

By your rising again from death to glory,

Lead us on to victory over sin and death;

By your going before us into heaven,

Prepare there a place even for us;

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

Abide with us always even unto the end of the world;

By the blessed hope of your coming again,

Keep us in watchfulness and prayer.

Remain seated.

TUNE: DER SABBATH

**O form us all, while we remain
On earth, unto thy praise;
That each one fully may attain
Thy blessed aim through grace:
Till we in heaven thy face shall see,
May spirit, soul and body be
Preserved by thee against that day
Blameless, O Lord, we pray.**

Moravian Liturgy 1793, anon.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in your vast kingdom, who stand in need of your grace and help. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, together we may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn and benediction.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b – 14 – *Sis. Sonia King*

4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.



Scripture Reading: John 12:1 – 8 – **Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton**

1. Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.
2. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.
3. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.
4. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,
5. Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
6. This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.
7. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.
8. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.



Choir Anthem – ***“We Will Remember You”***



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 317 –

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers,
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Not for weight of glory,
Not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army,
Raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth
Lives for whom he died:
He whom Jesus nameth
Must be on his side.
By thy love constraining,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with thine own life-blood,
For thy diadem;
With thy blessing filling
Each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free.
By thy grand redemption,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round his standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For his truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Master, thou wilt keep us,
By thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side;
Saviour, always thine!



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

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

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

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

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



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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Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah, this
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus – what it is,
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.



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My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first lovèd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



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 - 588

For the bread and for the wine,
For the pledge that seals Him mine,
For the words of love divine,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,
Bidding all our sorrows cease,
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye
To the cross of Calvary,
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,
Type of Him on whom we feed,
Him who liveth and was dead;
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;
As we at His table sup,
Eye and heart are lifted up!
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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

WELCOME: *“In His presence, there is fullness of joy; At His right hand, pleasures forevermore.” With thanksgiving we gather for worship today. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. To God be all honour, glory and praise. Welcome!*



Advanced: *Brenda Mascoll (4th), Nathaneal Joseph (5th), James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard (6th), Resa Layne (7th), Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Waldron (8th), Shamaria Brewster (9th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Ronald & Sis. Lucine Baker who are celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary on April 4, 2022.

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.**

✝ **Online Sunday School** – Juniors (15 years and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16 years and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.

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).

✝ **Monday:** Provincial Lenten Reflection – 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 833 8415 4668 | Passcode: 512212

✝ **Tuesday:** Women's Fellowship – Online at 6:00 p.m.

✝ **Wednesday:** Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. We have started a new study on being Peacemakers. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

✝ **Friday:** Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: **PALM SUNDAY**

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✝ **Holy Week Service** at 5:00 p.m. in-Sanctuary

IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022:

✝ **Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads)** – Sunday, 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

✝ **Webinar on Gender Based Violence (Part 2)** – 8th. Hosted by Bethlehem & Faith.

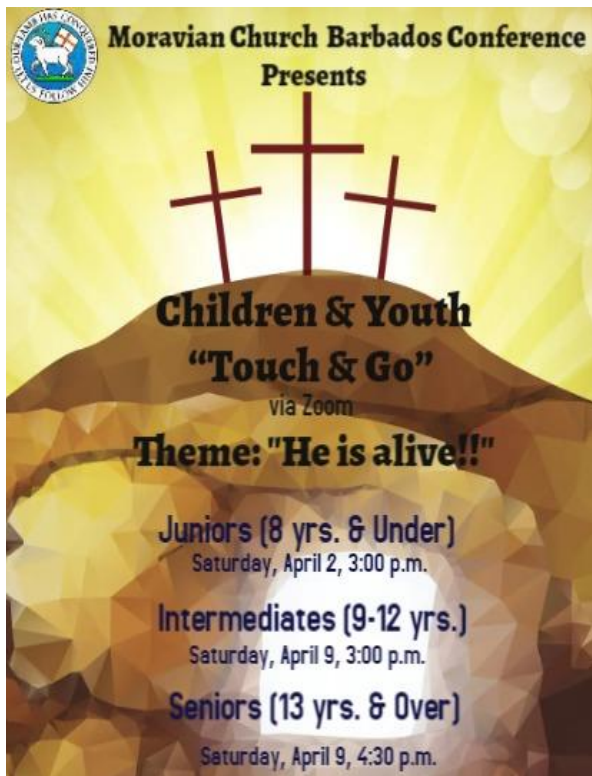
✝ **Touch & Go** – Intermediates (9-12 yrs.): Saturday, April 9th, 3:00 p.m. / Seniors (13 yrs. & Over): Saturday, April 9th, 4:30 p.m.

✝ **Holy Week Services** – Monday, 10th to 15th

Activity	Date	Congregation	Time
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Psalm Sunday - PM	April 10	Sharon/Dunscombe	5.00 p.m.
Monday	April 11	Mount Tabor/Penuel	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 12	Clifton Hill/Centenary	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 13	Bethlehem/Faith	7.30 p.m.
Thursday	April 14	Calvary/Gracehill/Fulnec	7.30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 15	Worship in Congregations	

- ✝ **Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe)** – Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight [14hrs].
- ✝ **Good Friday** – 15th
- ✝ **Resurrection / Easter Sunday** – 17th
- ✝ **Easter Food Sale** – Easter Monday, 18th, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- ✝ **Youth Convention: Royal Praise Worship Celebration** – Sunday, 24th, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Preacher: Rev. Liselle Roberts of the Tobago Conference.
- ✝ **Conference at Prayer** – Saturday, 23rd, online via Zoom.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market** immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. **On Easter Monday** we will hold a fund-raiser here at Sharon. We are calling it, EASTER FOOD SALE and we want it to be a whole-church effort. We look forward to the same sort of support you have given over the years for our Fish Fry, so as to make this a success. Mark the date on your calendar.



3. **The Moravian Church Barbados Conference** is holding another series of youth activities entitled "Touch and Go" via Zoom:
 - ✝ Intermediates (9-12 yrs.) – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
 - ✝ Seniors (13 yrs. & Over) – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
 - ✝ Come, share and explore under the theme: "*He Is Alive!*"
4. The **result of our balloting held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 for Lay Delegates** to the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province is as follows:
 - ✝ **Lay Delegate**

Sis. Verve Alleyne—88
Sis. Betty Alleyne-Headley—110
Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle—73
Sis. Ottley Cox-Burrowes—90
Bro. Halsey Gilkes—108
Sis Carolyn Hinds—106
Sis. Margaret Howard—147
Bro. Carlisle Paul—75
Sis. Joanie St. Hill—75
Sis. Juliette Smith—183

✠ **Youth Delegate**

Sis. Kentura Banfield—11
Bro. Aldaro Blackman—23
Bro. Matthew Browne—1
Sis. Kadria Doughty—20
Sis. Caela Mason—17

✠ Therefore, our duly elected lay delegates are:

Sis. Betty Alleyne-Headley
Sis. Margaret Howard
Sis. Juliette Smith
Bro. Aldaro Blackman (Youth)

5. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in **the Unity Prayer Watch** from Midnight, April 03 – Midnight, April 17, 2022.

✠ **Sharon and Dunscombe** have been given responsibility for Tuesday April 12, 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for a half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.

✠ We can pray for: The Worldwide Moravian Church; The Financial Position in of the Barbados Conference; Provincial Synod; The Leadership in our Congregation; That God would raise up men & women for full time ministry; Youth & Young Adults in the Conference; World Peace; The Growth of the Church; A closer walk with God.

✠ This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer

that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.

6. Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as follows:

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

7. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interested persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.

8. 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.

9. 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:**
 - ✠ **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Moore*
- 3. The Bereaved:** We express condolences and pray for the family of Sis. Lydia Roberts on her passing. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Kitts. The service will be livestreamed on **YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/Koc6aTwMnZg>
- 4. Our nation, for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.**



AVAILABLE:

† Moravian Daily Text 2022:

† American Paperback Edition – \$25

† American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30

† **Offering Envelopes for 2022** – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.

† **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022** – 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.**



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Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #2
Date: March 30, 2022
Ref: PEC 70/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The date for the 33rd Provincial Synod has been adjusted to July 17-22, 2022. The Opening Service will be on July 17 at 9.00 a.m. This will be a provincial service with input from each Conference.
2. The Synod Retreat will be held on July 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for the Retreat is: Embracing the change: Thriving amidst the crisis.
3. Synod sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with Devotions led by the Chaplain each morning with participation from all Conferences throughout the week.
4. Conferences are required to designate a location that allows all synodals to meet in the same space while also allowing for adequate personal space for Committee meetings.
5. Two Pre-Synod sessions will be held May 26 & June 16, where the Synod reports, procedural matters for the hosting of the 33rd Provincial Synod virtually, and other issues will be discussed.
6. The other officers of Synod – Vice Chairman and Assistance Secretary will be elected at the first pre-Synod meeting.
7. The Registration form for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be shared shortly.
8. The election of a Bishop has been added to the 33rd Provincial Synod agenda.

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 three (3) 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 (3) 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.

