

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land'.

Deuteronomy 15:11

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With grateful hearts and with a longing for the peace God establishes, let us join together in the praise of the name that above all others, is to be adored. Welcome to all.

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



WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life." (John 6:47)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:15 – 17, 19

Leader: ¹⁵ *The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.*

Congregation: ¹⁶ *The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

Leader: ¹⁷ *The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

Congregation: ¹⁹ *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*

Opening Hymn 604 – “*The Right Hand of God*”

Liturgy: The Second Order (Pages 8 – 12: CMP Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7 – 11 (KJV)

Choir Anthem – “*O Love Of God*”

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:4 – 18 (KJV)

Hymn of Preparation: “*The Goodness of God*”

Sermon – – *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

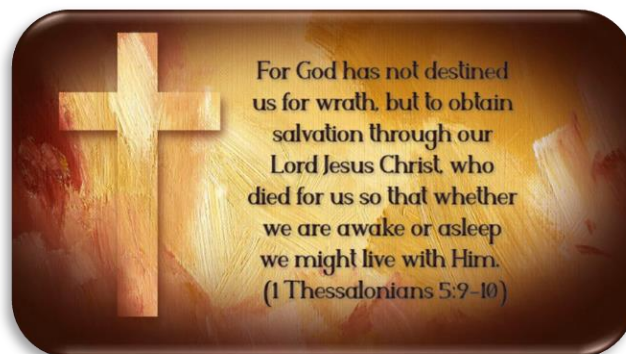
Closing Hymn 719 – “*Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 604 –

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love;
Our conflicts and our fears,
Our triumphs and our tears
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
Pointing the way we must go;
So clouded is the way,
So easily we stray;
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate, and greed;
Our selfishness and lust,
Our pride and deeds unjust,
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And rescued now from shame
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds, and souls;
So wondrous is its touch
With love that means so much
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love;

**In these Caribbean lands,
Let his people all join hands
And be one by the right hand of God.**



THE SECOND ORDER

All standing, one of the following shall be used:

For the Morning:

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

For the evening:

The day goes away, and the shadows of the evening are stretched out;

At evening time there shall be light.

*TUNE: PASTOR PASTORUM
or ST CONSTANTINE
or ALLE JAHRE WIEDER*

**Jesus, stand among us
In your risen power,
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.**

**Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.**

**Thus with quickened footsteps,
We'll pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of the eternal day.**

William Pennefather (1816 – 1873)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Let us therefore ask him who gives generously and does not condemn, to grant us the desire truly to repent, and to increase in us right faith, firm hope and constant trust in God.

Let us pray:

Be merciful unto us O Lord,

And enter not into judgement with us.

Forgive our sins of thought, word and deed; in knowledge or ignorance, in act or intention,
And put them out of remembrance for ever.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within us.

Guide our steps into the way of peace,
And strengthen our hearts to obey your commands.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, giving thanks to his name.

Amen.

The readings with hymns, psalms or canticles

The sermon may be given here or at the end of the liturgy. Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer, in one of the following versions:

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

We offer you our humble praise, O Lord, that you have sheltered and upheld us all our days and brought us safely to this present hour. Above all your gifts we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ and for salvation in him. You have created us for yourself that you might confer on us your everlasting kingdom and bring us to your heavenly glory. For all your mercies we give you thanks; for blessings known and unknown; for gifts apparent or concealed. We beseech you, O Lord, to grant that we may run our course in safety, health and joy. Such things as are good command for us. Give what you will, and what you will, deny. Forsake us not who put our trust in you, but deliver us from the evil one and all his works, through the merits of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*TUNE: ST FULBERT
Or CONTEMPLATION*

**When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.**

Joseph Addison (1672 – 1719)

The intercessions – a selection from the following, with any special prayers for the day

Almighty God, hear us as we pray:

For the leaders of the nation; the Queen [*the Governor-General, the President*], the Prime Minister [*the Governor*] and the Ministers of State [*all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives*], all members of Parliament [*the Legislature*], local government and community leaders, that they may be guided by your wisdom and be humble in the service of your people.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For national life, that we may be cautious in the issues of freedom, just in the exercise of power, and generous in the protection of weakness. That parents, teachers and all who have care of the young may set a good example. That we may be saved from indifference, self-indulgence and material greed, and that every form of evil may be overcome.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the needs of people in every part of the world (especially in times of conflict and disaster) and for our sense of responsibility to the whole of creation. May we not harm anything you have made, either by neglect or deliberate fault.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

For the Church and her witness; may all Christians be led to a full understanding and practice of their faith. For all Church servants that they may be true to their calling. For our own Church in all her Provinces that her light may shine brightly in a dark world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all in any kind of trouble: the weak, the lonely, the sick and suffering; for all who mourn, that the sad and desolate may find comfort in God.

(Period of silent meditation and prayer.)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to accept the prayers of all who call on you, and in your love to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Glory be to God, our Creator:

Glory be to Jesus, our Redeemer:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, our Guide and Comforter.

All glory be to God most High. Amen.

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.**

**Eternal are your mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word:
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

The service continues with hymn, sermon (if not previously given), hymn and benediction.



Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7 – 11 (KJV)

- 7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:**
- 8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.**

- 9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee.
- 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.
- 11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.



Choir Anthem – *“O Love Of God”*



New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:4 – 18 (KJV)

- 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

- 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 16 Rejoice evermore.
- 17 Pray without ceasing.
- 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



Hymn of Preparation –

The Goodness of God

**I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God**

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God**

Chorus

Bridge x 2

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me**

Chorus x 2



Sermon – – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 719 –

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

**In a manger on a straw bed Christ was born yet King is He,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.**

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is succour to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of time his slave:
Our God is marching on.**



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: Keesha Walrond

Advanced: Anmari Cumberbatch (9th), Loretta Parris-Husbands (10th), Clifton Clarke & Steve White (11th), David Chandler & Kimberley Turton (12th), Christon Davis & Etwin Parris (13th), Alyssa Ifill (14th)



Flowers today were donated by the Grant & Herbert Family, in loving memory of their mother the late Sis. Grace Herbert, who would have celebrated her 85th birthday today; Sis. Etwin Parris in celebration of her birthday and in memory of her niece Sonja Bentham who passed away in England.

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

- † 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: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Friday: Moravian August Thirteenth Festival – On August 13, 1727 in Berthelsdorf, Saxony (now Germany), a group of quarreling Christians experienced their unity in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This new Pentecost marked the revival of the Unity of the Brethren, begun in 1457, and the beginning of the Renewed Moravian Church.
 - † Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Chairman of PEC: Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. On August 13, 2021, the Moravian Unity will mark the two hundred and ninety-fourth (294th) anniversary of the renewal of the Moravian Church when our quarreling forebears at Herrnhut were visited by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit who shifted everything. As we mark that festival this year, let us be deliberate in entering into the ethos of the moment,

seeking for the Spirit of God to be manifested among us, shifting everything — breaking down the barriers that separate us from each other and the plan of God for us in this season.

August 13, 2021 will be a day of prayer and fasting from 6 am – 6 pm. We will be meeting at 5:00 am for sunrise worship and word, and at 7:00 pm for vespers. As usual, the link for the events will be provided. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2. Our Sunday School has resumed and for July and August we will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
3. Training on the Steelpan will be resumed shortly. Interested persons, 9 years and over should contact Sis. Kristina Carter to sign up.
4. Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 2 – 30, 2021.
5. Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Dev., 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).	Sis. Joan Taylor
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. Eula Gibbs
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Marion King-Taylor
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Carmel Downes
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. Ciana Downes
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. Lucine Baker
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Diana Boyce

6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

✝ The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas who has been on secondment to the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province since 2001, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of

the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2021.

- † The Rev. Eulencine Christopher, Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted Leave of Absence from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023.
 - † The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor has been appointed Interim Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference effective September 1, 2021.
 - † Please pray for these members of staff and their families as they prepare to go on leave or to assume these calls.
7. 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.
8. 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 people of the region as we have entered 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 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. 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.

