

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Is not my word like as a
fire? said the LORD; and
like a hammer that
breaks the rock in pieces?

—Jeremiah 23:29

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

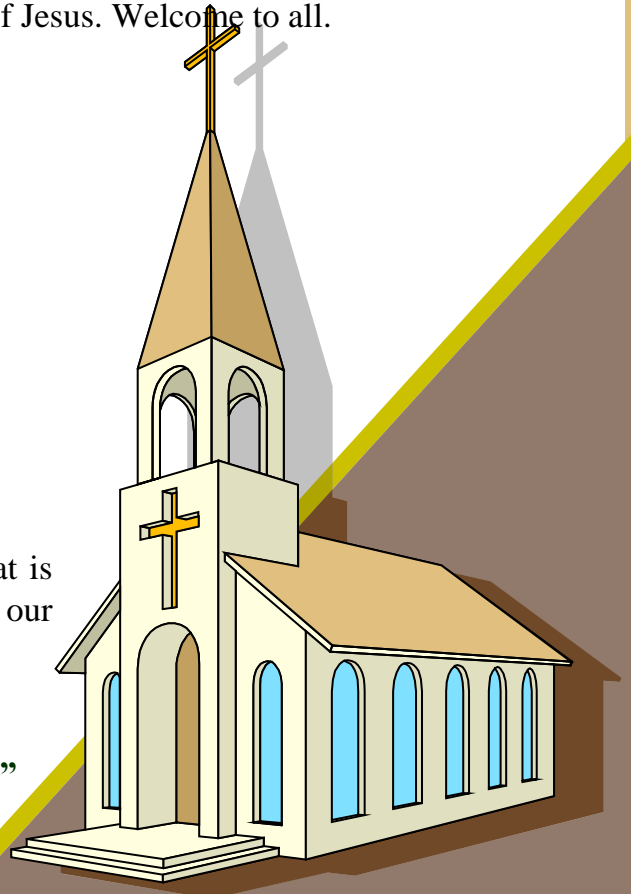
Welcome: With a longing for the wholeness and peace that God establishes, we gather today. Wherever we are, here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, we join together in the praise of the name that above all else is to be adored – the name of Jesus. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
(Hebrews 12:2)

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

Call to Worship

Hymn 351 – “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father*”

Litany – Observance of Moravian Festivals p. 195 – CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*” Hebrews 13:16

Offertory Hymn: 155 – “*The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 49 – 56

Hymn of Preparation: 527 – “*Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord*”

Sermon – *Sis Angelus Hurdle*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

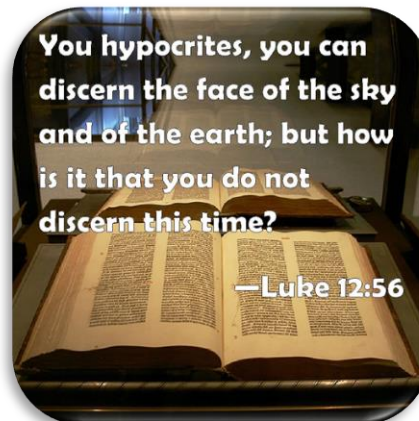
Hymn 410 – “*God of Mercy, God of Grace*”

Tune: Crescent Road

The 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.



Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn 351 -

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
"Great is Thy faithfulness", Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



Litany for the Observance of Moravian Festivals

(Appropriate for usage on March 1, July 6 & August 13)

(All standing)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;

And a great King above all gods.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord;

And to sing praises unto your name, O most high.

To show forth your lovingkindness in the morning;

And your faithfulness every night.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Tune: Old 124th

Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him,
With eagerness of heart and strength of limb,
Brave in endeavor, with young vision clear,
And high thanksgiving for God's purpose here -
Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him.

In loving service may our lives be spent,
Finding in others' gladness sweet content,
Striving to show the brotherhood of man,
Of God's ordaining since the world began —
In loving service may our lives be spent.

1934. Dorothy A. Connor

Let us pray

(All seated)

Loving Lord, we worship and adore you, the source of our strength and our salvation. We praise and thank you for every blessing in this life. We recognize your goodness to us and give you thanks for your mercies which come to us afresh day by day. We acknowledge that, as the sheep of your pasture, we lack nothing. We thank you for walking with us all along life's way. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have taken your goodness for granted and have behaved as though we are masters of our own lives. Create new hearts within us, Lord, so that we may live according to your will for us. In your name, Jesus, we pray. ***Amen.***

You have given us life and provided all things necessary;

You have led us day by day and protected us from harm and danger;

You have given us strength to overcome temptation and victory over the power of the enemy.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You have given us the example of your disciples, who faithfully built your Church;

You have given us faithful leaders who followed your path even when it led to death;

You have given us ancestors who remained faithful to you in spite of the persecution they suffered.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You touched the disciples on the Day of Pentecost and anointed

them to preach the Good News to every nation;

You touched our ancestors on that day of renewal, causing them to truly love, and to forgive each other;

Come, Holy Spirit, and touch us now.

You give us men and women in this day who serve you diligently;

You raise up young and old whom you have blessed to bless others;

You give to all people varied talents and skills which we may use for your honour and glory.

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are created!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

When to our golden heritage
We take another look;
We see our fathers living there
As one in unity,
Let us therefore seek to emulate
This great example set;
It's strength through unity.

*Rise up now all ye Moravians
Rise up now all ye Moravians,
Rise up now all ye Moravians
And fight for unity.*

Come let us make this pledge to God
And to our brothers all;
To give to God the glory
And our brother, sisters, love;
So the world shall be the richer and
His peace will flood our lives,
From strength through unity.

1980. Neilson Waithe

O God our loving Father, we thank you:

For the service of your servants, rendered in our church through the years.

For their commitment to service and their loyalty to you;

For their strength of character and their patience in tribulation;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Hus who bravely stood for honesty in service and integrity in witness;

For his boldness to stand in favour of the standards of God whilst standing against the institutions of his day,

For his courage to face death by fire because of his Christian conviction;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Amos Comenius who assisted persecuted Christians in finding refuge;

For his prayer for the church that God might preserve a 'hidden seed to glorify his name';

For that 'hidden seed' which sprung to life nearly a century later;
We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Christian David who continued the labour of finding refuge for our persecuted ancestors;

For his encounter with Count Zinzendorf and the Count's willingness to 'give these Christians land whilst Christ gave them rest';
We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Count Zinzendorf's encounter with the slave Anthony and his zeal in leading the Moravians into mission;

For the commitment of David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober, our first missionaries;
We give you thanks; O Lord.

For the first missionaries to our islands and the many who followed to share the Good News;

For the early planters who gave of their land and support to this work;
We give you thanks; O Lord.

For these 565 years of worship, witness and work of the Moravian Church worldwide;

For the 290 years of missionary activity;

For the 290 years of service in our Province of the Moravian Church;

For the 257 years of existence of the Moravian Church in this

country;

We thank you, O Lord, for your faithfulness to us through the years, and for the many who have labored faithfully throughout time and those who continue faithfully to do so today.

And now, O Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister: bless all those who follow in your steps. Give us each the courage to follow in their steps. Grant us zeal and patience to serve as following one Master and looking for one reward. Endue us with wisdom to pray, not for tasks equal to our strength, but rather for strength equal to our tasks. Lead us to the joy of service for the Master and loving commitment to his will. So may his duty be our delight. ***Amen.***



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* (Hebrews 13:16)

Offertory Hymn: 155 –

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son *(repeat)*
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. *(repeat)*



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29

- 23.** Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?
- 24.** Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
- 25.** I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
- 26.** How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;
- 27.** Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
- 28.** The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 49 – 56

49. I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

50. But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51. Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

52. For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

54. And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

55. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

56. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth;
but how is it that ye do not discern this time?



Hymn of Preparation: 527 -

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight –
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.



Sermon – – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 410 –

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

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Today: Alyssa Ifill

Advanced: Royle Deane (shut-in), Sian Cumberbatch & Nairee Maynard (15th), Rashad Armstrong, Rogan Moore & Kerry Skeete (16th), Kim Roberts (17th), Ajani Ifill & Anthony Ifill (18th), Marva Holder (19th), Arya Mainarde (20th)



Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Margaret Best who will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary on August 18, 2022; Bro. Trevor & Sis. Una Campbell who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 19, 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 at 9:30 a.m.

† **Sunday School – Summer Sundays** (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the
D. C. Moore Centre

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

† **Wednesday: Prayer Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† **Sunday School – Summer Sundays** (All ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the
D. C. Moore Centre



IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022:

- ✝ Our Sunday School 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.
- ✝ **The Choir** will be on break for the month of August.
- ✝ **Rev. Parris** will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2022



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. **From the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC):** The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✝ **Prayers are requested for Sis. Launée Richards and Bro. Stratton Browne** as they represent the Province at **the Unity Heritage Tour** from August 10-25, 2022. The theme of the tour is, “Crossing Borders Unity Youth Heritage Tour Tanzania.” The activities are structured to help participants gain knowledge of the Moravian world (the Unity) and in this case, the Moravian Church on the Continent of Africa, deepen Moravian connections, and appreciate the diversity in customs and practices across Provinces. Participants are expected to return to their Province, share their experience, and continue in the ministry of the church. Sis. Launée and Bro. Stratton are from the Antigua Conference.

- ✠ The **Rev. Moise Jean** who currently serves as the Pastor of the Zion/Potters and Judges Hill Moravian Pastorate in the Antigua Conference, applied for and was granted leave of absence from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024.
 - ✠ The **Rev. Kevin St. Hill** who serves as the Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Pastorate in the Antigua Conference has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Zion/Potters and Judges Hill Pastorate in the Antigua Conference. This call is effective October 1, 2022.
 - ✠ The **Rev. Nevin Lewis** who serves as the Pastor of the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Pastorate in the Antigua Conference. This call is effective October 1, 2022.
 - ✠ Please pray for Bro. Jean, Bro. St. Hill, and Bro. Lewis as they respond to the call of God on their lives.
3. **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. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. **We are thankful for your financial support.** We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
- ✠ For our Green Offering last Sunday, some \$1,070 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter and the next one, a Brown Sunday, is planned for the Fourth Sunday in September.
 - ✠ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - ✠ We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - ✠ 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. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route.

The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.

6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.

✝ Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.

✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✝ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

✝ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference

<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).

✠ You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. **The Sick/Recovering:**

✠ **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*



3. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Ruth Bishop and family on the passing of her brother, John Bishop.*

4. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

5. **God's covering during the Hurricane Season**

6. **World Peace.**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✠ **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.



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

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
2. 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.

3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
4. 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.
5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members
7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

