

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the Commandments of the Lord your God which I command you

Deuteronomy 4:2



Sunday, August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We welcome each and everyone to worship today, and we extend the love of God that changes hearts and increases our fellowship. A special welcome to Rev. Delroy Burley, the Associate Pastor of the Calvary, Grace Hill & Fulnec Moravian churches as he leads us for this Exchange of Pulpit. May God richly bless us.

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



WATCHWORD: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. (James 1:19)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship:

L: God has blessed each and every one of us.

P: *We want to serve God*

L: Each talent, each skill can be used for peace and justice

P: *Lord, help us be part of ministries that promote hope and peace.*

L: Come, let us praise God for the diversity present here.

ALL: *Enable us, O God, to discern what you would have us do.*

Hymn 256 – *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

Prayer

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Offertory Verse: *Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7*

Offertory Hymn: 262 – *“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings: Holy God, we are grateful for your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge that every perfect gift in our lives is a gift from you. We have listened to your guidance, directing us to offer you our first fruits. So, we now join in this generous act of giving. We pray that these resources may care for your children everywhere who are experiencing distress. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2, 6 – 9

Solo – Evelina King-Harper

New Testament Reading: James 1: 17 – 27

Hymn of Preparation: *Ancient Words Long Preserved*

Sermon – – *Rev. Delroy Burley*

Hymn of Response: 516 – *“You Have Longed For Sweet Peace”*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Closing Hymn: 302 – *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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.



Opening Hymn: 256 –

**Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.**

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

**Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.**

**The men of grace have found,
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.
From faith and hope may grow.**

**The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.**

**There shall we see his face,
And be all free from sin,
There from the rivers of his grace
There from the rivers of his grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Drink endless pleasures in.**

**Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,**

**We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.**



Prayer



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Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Offertory Verse: *Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)*



Offertory Hymn: 262 –

**I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.**

*But 'I know whom I have believèd,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.'*

**I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart;
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.**

**I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.**

**I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.**

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.



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Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2,6 – 9

- 1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
- 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
- 7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?
- 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?
- 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;



Solo – Evelina King-Harper



New Testament Reading: James 1: 17 – 27

- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
- 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.



Hymn of Preparation – *“Ancient Words Long Preserved”*

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts*

Oh let the ancient words impart

**Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart**

**Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear**

**We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart
Oh let the ancient words impart**



Sermon -- Rev. Delroy Burley



Hymn of Response: 516 --

**You have longed for sweet peace
And for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest
Or be perfectly blest,
Until all on the altar is laid.**

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield Him your body and soul.*

**Would you walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
And have peace and contentment always?
You must do His sweet will
To be free from all ill,
On the altar your all you must lay.**

Oh we never can know

**What the Lord will bestow
Of the blessings for which we have prayed,
Till our body and soul
He doth fully control,
And our all on the altar is laid.**

**Who can tell all the love
He will send from above,
Oh, how happy our heart will be made;
Oh, what fellowship sweet
We shall share at His feet,
When our all on the altar is laid.**



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn:302 –

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.**



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Today: Carl Cadogan & Ruby Connell

Advanced: Dalrymple Boyce & Lydia Roberts (31st), Cheryl Cadogan-McClean & Sydney Gibson (Sept. 1st), Cianna Downes (3rd)

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: Provincial Day of Prayer – 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Superintendent:

- ✠ **Worship Adjustments:** Last evening, the Government of Barbados announced new restrictions in response to recent COVID-19 related developments. Worship services are now limited to 25 attendees.
- ✠ As the short notice does not permit the proper implementation of the pre-registration of attendees; there will be no in-sanctuary worship in our Moravian churches in Barbados tomorrow (August 29th), except for the livestreaming of services, led by select teams, at Calvary, Bethlehem and Sharon.
- ✠ Members and the public are invited to gather virtually and worship via these livestreams on YouTube and Facebook. They can be found by a web search.
- ✠ Worship times are as follows: Calvary – 9:30 a.m. | Sharon – 9:30 a.m. | Bethlehem – 10:00 am.
- ✠ Please await further notice on the arrangement for the Sundays of September.

2. There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

3. We have begun repairs to the church Organ and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.

4. Training on the Steelpan has begun. Tuesdays: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Thursdays: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

5. Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 2 – 30, 2021.

6. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference is holding another series of youth activities entitled “Touch and Go” via Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 9487 5529 | Passcode: 998226

- ✠ Juniors (9 yrs & Under) – Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- ✠ Intermediates (10 – 12 yrs) – Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- ✠ Seniors (13 yrs & Over) – Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Come, share and explore under the theme: *“It Takes Courage.”*

7. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- ✠ **Provincial Day of Prayer:** The Province continues in a posture of prayer as we intercede for all the circumstances that face us. The pandemic continues to hamper our lives and as the new school year begins, there is uncertainty surrounding the delivery of education. Let us therefore focus this day of prayer on our students and the education system.
- ✠ We will meet for a single prayer event at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Please ensure that our students are available to share in this time. The link will be provided in time for our day of prayer.
- ✠ On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit southwestern Haiti. On August 18, 2021 Tropical Storm, Grace moved over the ruins and the already traumatized brothers and sisters of Northern Haiti.

- † Two of the dozen congregations in Haiti were directly affected by the earthquake and the storm. The Moravian Board of World Mission has begun relief work and will continue to work through the local pastors.
 - † The need of the moment is for cash to help the rebuilding process. As the Lord lays it on your heart, please consider giving to our brothers and sisters in Haiti as we show evidence of being our brothers' and sisters' keeper. Congregations are asked to receive an offering in September towards the rebuilding process for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Please send those funds to the Provincial Office as soon as they are received. Let us also join the prayer for covering over Haiti, that the peace of God and the provision of God be upon the first free Black nation.
 - † The Provincial Board announces the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis as the Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Virgin Islands Conference. Br. Jarvis currently serves as the Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas. This appointment takes effect from September 1, 2021. The appointment of Rev. Dr. Errol Connor as interim Superintendent no longer applies.
 - † The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks to the Rev. Eulencine Christopher for her dedication and diligence during her seven years serving as Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference and her twenty-seven years serving as a Minister of Christian Education in the Province. May God continue to bless the work of her hands and order her steps as she proceeds on Leave of Absence.
 - † 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.
 - † Please pray for these members of staff and their families.
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 labeled 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 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.

