



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.
Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)*

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)



Sunday, July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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WATCHWORD: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *(Psalm 145:8)*

Provincial Theme 2023:

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose,
and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship: Psalm 135:1 – 3

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,*

Congregation: *Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.*

Hymn 484 – “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1 – 14

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession

Hymn 197 – “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money” (Matt. 6:24, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 201 – “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15 – 25a

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:16 – 30

Choir Anthem – “Come Unto Him”

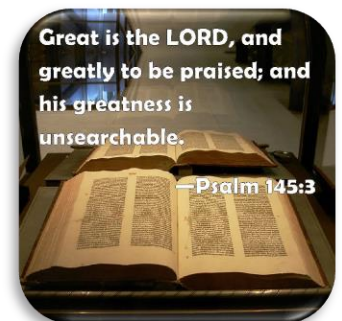
Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 273 – “All The Way My Saviour Leads Me”

The Benediction

Postlude



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Hymn 484 –

My God how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!

O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me, thy sinful child.

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,

And awful purity!



Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1 – 14

1. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.
4. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
5. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
6. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.
7. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
10. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.
11. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
12. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession



Hymn 197 –

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money” (Matt. 6:24, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 201 –

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,
Trusting only thee,
Trusting thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:
At thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:
Thine can never fail;
Words which thou thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;
I am trusting thee for ever,
And for all.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 7: 15 – 25a

15. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
16. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.
17. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
18. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
19. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
21. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
22. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
23. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
24. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11: 16 – 30

16. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,
17. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.
19. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.
20. Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:
21. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.
23. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.
25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
26. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.
28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29. 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.
30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Choir Anthem – “Come Unto Him”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 273 –

All the way my Saviour leads me,
 What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt his tender mercy,
 Who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 Here by faith in him to dwell!
 For I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages –
'Jesus led me all the way!'



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Advanced: Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle (10th), Zhane Kellman (11th), Angela Applewhaite (12th), Lionel Hewitt (13th), Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves (14th), Ashlee Brathwaite (15th)



Congratulations to Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2023; Bro. Adrian & Sis.

Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary on July 15, 2023

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.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:30 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 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
 - † Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Next Sunday: LAITY SUNDAY
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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. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. February 10, 2024 will be the 225th Anniversary of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. Once the Kingdom does not come, the historic point should not pass without a celebration. An Anniversary Committee will be set in place to make plans for and to lead the celebration. We invite suggestions and volunteers to be engaged in the planning.

3. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✠ Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on July 15, 2023. While no special events are planned, please remember Bishop Lewis in prayer and be generous in expressing commendations for this milestone.
 - ✠ Student Pastor Chioma Henry has completed her first year of theological college in Jamaica and is on summer assignment in the Barbados Conference. Let us pray that she has a formative and meaningful experience.
 - ✠ Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis as he celebrates his fortieth anniversary of ordination on July 16, 2023. Bro. Jarvis joins Bishop Conrad Spencer, Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas, Rev. Neilson Waithe, and Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford who had a similar celebration in 2022.
4. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - ✠ 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.
 - ✠ You 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. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on 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.
 - ✠ 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

6. Our Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40 a.m.), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), First Ave. Jackson (8:55), Lodge Hill (9:00), Sharon (9:15). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



Provincial Theme 2023:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. – Chairman of PEC



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

† Of our congregation: *Sis. Cynthia Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for Sis. Marion King-Taylor on the passing of her father.*

4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25

† Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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 2023 – 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.**



