

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we celebrate the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. As we gather for worship we extend a warm welcome to all; whether you are here in person, or you gather with us virtually by way of our livestream. May the light of God be upon you. Welcome.

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

WATCHWORD: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
(Psalm 85:9)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 40:5, 16):

Leader: *Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.*

Congregation: *Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"*

Hymn 495 – "O Praise Ye the Lord!"

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 474 – "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:14 – 29

Choir Anthem – "Lead Me, Lord"

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Hymn of Reflection: 513 – "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 313 – "Fight the Good Fight"

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Who is this King of glory?

THE LORD,
strong and mighty,
THE LORD,
mighty in battle!

Psalm 24:8



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Opening Hymn: 495 –

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,**

O praise ye the Lord!



Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

1. The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. *Selah.*
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah.*



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 474 –

**COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,**

**Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!**



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 14 – 29

- 14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.**
- 15 Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.**
- 16 But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.**
- 17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.**
- 18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.**
- 19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:**

- 20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.
- 21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;
- 22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.
- 23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.
- 24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.
- 25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.
- 26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.
- 27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,
- 28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.
- 29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.



Choir Anthem – *“Lead Me, Lord”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection: 513 –

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth you have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

**Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.**

**Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.**



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 313 –

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before thee lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on thy guide,
His boundless mercy shall provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**



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Organ Interlude



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Today: Zhane Kellman

Advanced: Angela Applewhaite (12th), Lionel Hewitt (13th), Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves (14th), Ashlee Brathwaite (15th)



Congratulations to: Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2021; Bro. Adrian & Sis. Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on July 15, 2021; Bro. Sylvanus & Sis. Diana Boyce who will celebrate their 16th Wedding Anniversary on July 16, 2021.

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.



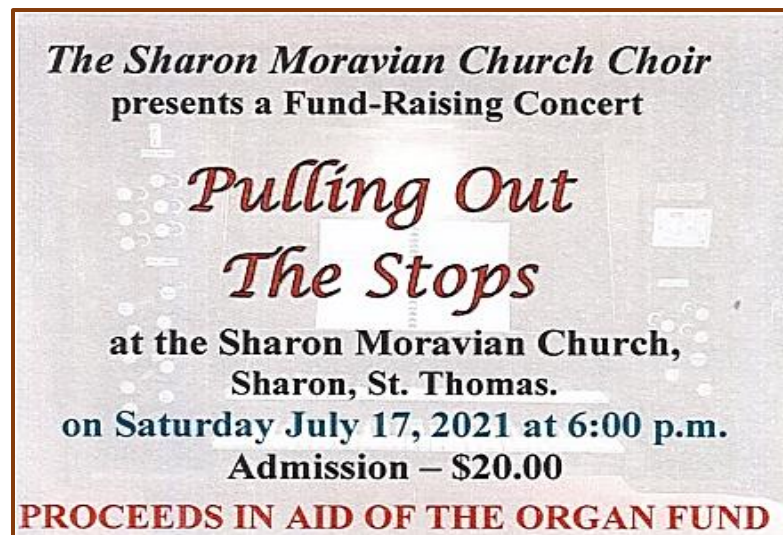
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✠ TODAY: The Ordination of Bro. David Ince – 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church.
- ✠ 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: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- ✠ Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ Saturday: Organ Recital: “Pulling Out the Stops” – 5:00 p.m. at Sharon. Tickets cost \$20.
- ✠ NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Bro David Ince will be ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street, Bridgetown, Barbados at 5:00 pm. Bishop Kingsley Lewis will preside. Please pray for Bro. Ince and family at this time of dedication.
2. The Church Choir will host a fundraiser in aid of Organ repairs on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The programme's theme will be "*Pulling Out the Stops*" and will see no fewer than ten (10) organists showcasing their skills. Admission is \$20.00. Please note that all COVID protocols will be observed during this programme.



3. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✠ 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.
 - ✠ We offer prayers and best wishes to Sis. Christopher and Bro. Connor as they transition. May God's grace and favour be upon them and their families.
4. 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.

5. 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 Bereaved:** *The family of Sis. Grace Lashley on her passing; Sis. Diane Knight-Tull and the Tull family on the passing of Walter Tull. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, July 16, 2021 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*
3. **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.

