

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** A pleasant welcome is extended today, as *“we have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.”* It is good to be in the house of the Lord and to sing praises to his name, *O most high*. Welcome as well to those who gather with us virtually by way of our livestream. Welcome to all.

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

**WATCHWORD:** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

*(Ephesians 2:19)*

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

The Fourth Order of Public Worship *p. 19 – CMP Liturgy Book*

Hymn 38 – “*Immortal Invisible*”

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## THE FOURTH ORDER

*All standing, one or more of the following may be used:*

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;

*Let them bring me to thy holy hill.*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; honour and majesty are before him,

*Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord;

*Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.*

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.

*Because they trust in thee.*

Trust in the Lord for ever,

*For in the Lord is everlasting strength.*



Opening Hymn:38 –

Immortal, invisible  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
Hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
And silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,  
To both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish

**As leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish;  
But naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory,  
Pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
All veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour  
Of light hideth Thee.**



### **THE FOURTH ORDER (continued)**

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God, and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace, and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Let us pray:

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
*And blot out our transgressions.*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved; that being cleansed from all sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All standing.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's name be praised.*

*Psalm 84*

- 1 How lovely | are thy | dwellings :  
O | Lord | of | hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing for the | courts • of the | Lord : My heart and  
my flesh re- | joice• in the | living | God.
- 3 Yea the sparrow doth find a home, and the swallow a | nest for • her- | self (:)  
Where | she may | lay her | young;
- 4 And I at thine altar, O | Lord of | hosts : My | King and | my | God.
- 5 Blessed are they that | dwell in • thy | house : They will be | ever | praising | thee.
- 6 Bless-ed are the man whose | strength is • in thee : In whose | hearts • are the |  
highways • to |Zion.
- 7 Who passing through the vale of misery maketh it a | place of | springs : Yea the | pools are  
| filled with | water.
- 8 They go from | strength to | strength :  
Every one of them ap- | peareth be • fore | God in | Zion.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : Give | ear O | God of | Jacob.
- 10 Behold O | God • our de- | fender : Look upon the | face of | thine an- | ointed.
- 11 Surely better is a | day in • thy courts : Than a | thousand | days | elsewhere.
- 12 I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God : Than dwell • in the | tents of |  
wickedness.
- 13 For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give | grace and | glory : No  
good thing will he withhold from | them that | walk | uprightly.
- 14 O | Lord of | hosts : Bless-ed is the | man that | trusteth• in | thee.  
Glory be the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without | end. A- | -- | men.

*The readings with hymns or canticles may follow.  
All standing, a Confession of Faith or Creed may be used.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips,

*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.*

Commit thy way unto the Lord.  
*And put thy trust in him.*

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author all godliness; hear we beseech thee, the prayer of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Additional prayer may be offered, continuing with:*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Lord, save thy people;  
*And bless thine inheritance.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men and women; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); may it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, have mercy on all people,  
*And grant them thy salvation.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to set us before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn, and benediction.*



**Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving**



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



## Ministry of the Word

### Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30 – 34, 53 – 56

- 30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.
- 31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.
- 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.
- 33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.
- 34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.
- 53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.
- 54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,
- 55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.
- 56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.



Choir Anthem—*“Brother James’ Air”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection: 218 –

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy;  
And then I heard my Saviour speaking;  
“Draw from my well that shall never run dry.”

*Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;*



*Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more –  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

**There are millions in this world who are craving,  
The pleasures earthly things afford;  
But none can match the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.**

**So, my brother, if the things this world gave you,  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.**



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



### **Closing Hymn:233–**

**Jesus, Master, whose I am,  
Purchased thine alone to be,  
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb,  
Shed so willingly for me,  
Let my heart be all thine own,  
Let me live to thee alone.**

**Other lords have long held sway;  
Now thy name alone to bear,  
Thy dear voice alone obey,  
Is my daily, hourly prayer.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee?  
Nothing else my joy can be.**

**Jesus, Master, I am thine;  
Keep me faithful, keep me near;  
Let thy presence in me shine  
All my homeward way to cheer:  
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,  
O be thou my all in all!**



## The Benediction



## Organ Interlude



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Today: *Andrin King*

Advanced: *Angelus Hurdle (21<sup>st</sup>), Carol St. John (shut-in), Denis Moore (23<sup>rd</sup>), Debbie Maynard-Waithe (24<sup>th</sup>)*

## 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: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We express thanks to the Choir and all who supported the organ recital held yesterday. It was a blessing.
2. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
3. 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 – a service of thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday July 27, 2021, commencing at 3:30 p.m.; Sis Etwin Parris and family on the passing of her niece in the UK.; Bro. Edwin Sandiford and family on the passing of his mother – E. Mabel Sandiford.*
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.

