



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)*

Parable of a Mustard Seed



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Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Matthew 13 31-32

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: The Psalmist wrote: *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”* (42:1) Today, we come seeking the refreshing presence of Almighty God. Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to Rev. Roslyn Hamblin of the Bethlehem – Faith Pastorate. As the promise of a divine encounter is fulfilled, may each soul be lifted in praise.

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WATCHWORD: God, turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. (*Psalm 119: 132*)

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Sing to the LORD a new song sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: *Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*

L: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: *His marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

L: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

C: *He is to be feared above all gods.*

Hymn 731 – “Lift Every Voice And Sing”

Litany for Emancipation (p. 186 – CMP Liturgy Book/Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (Including Walk-Up Offering of Different Colours)

Offertory Sentence: “O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (1 Chron. 16:34)

Offertory Hymn: 351 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Song

† “Come Into His Presence With Thanksgiving In Your Heart”

† “Free, Free, Free/I’ll Never Be The Same Again/ See What The Lord Has Done For Us”

† “The Goodness of God”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3:5 – 12 – Sis. Lucine Baker

Choir Anthem – “Here I Am, Lord”

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31 – 35 – Bro. Luther Barker

Hymn – “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (On Christ the Solid Rock)”

Sermon – – Rev. Roslyn Hamblin

Hymn – “In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found”

Prayer & Benediction

Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 731 –

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



EMANCIPATION

All standing.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us!

Spirit of the living God,
Sanctify this space.

Spirit of the living God,
Fill us with light and grace and strength.

Spirit of the living God,
Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us!

TUNE: GATHER CHRISTIANS

*Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.
Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.
Gather, Christians, behold He comes.
Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!*

To God the Father, let's give Him praise.
To God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above,
Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!

Garfield Rochard, b. 1943.

All seated.

Let us confess our sins:

Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.

We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.

We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.

We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism.
Amen.

All standing.

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

We give you thanks.

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

We give you thanks.

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

We give you thanks.

TUNE: RIGHT HAND

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And rescued now from shame
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

Patrick Prescod (1932 – 2013).

All seated.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask

that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing.

TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

And give him the glory!

Great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us,
Great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Frances van Alstyne (1820 – 1915).



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS (Including Walk-Up Offering of Different Colours)

Offertory Sentence: *“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (1 Chron. 16:34)*

Offertory 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!



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



Worship in Song

✝ *“Come Into His Presence With Thanksgiving In Your Heart”*

Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart
And give him praise . . . and give him praise;
Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart,
Our voices raise . . . our voices raise.
Give glory and honour and praise unto his name,
Jesus, the name above all names.

✝ *“Free, Free, Free/I’ll Never Be The Same Again/ See What The Lord Has Done For Us”*

Free, Free, Free.

I have been set free.

I have met the man, the man of Galilee.
He took away my load, my heavy load of sin.
And now I am shouting Glory, Alleluia.

He brought me out of the miry clay,

He set my feet on a rock to stay.
He puts a song in my soul today;
A song of praise, hallelujah.

And I’ll never be the same, oh no

I’ll never be the same again, oh no
Since my life’s been changed
I am not the same
And I’ll never be the same again.
See what the Lord has done for us.

See what a mighty God he is!

See what has done for us.
See what a mighty God he is!
The walls are tumbling.
The walls are tumbling.
The walls are tumbling.
O praise his holy name!

✝ *“The Goodness of God”*

I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

*Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

Bridge

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything*



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5 – 12 – Sis. Lucine Baker

5. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.
6. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.
8. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.
9. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?
10. And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.
11. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;
12. Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.



Choir Anthem – “*Here I Am, Lord*”



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 31 – 35 – Bro. Luther Barker

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32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
34. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
35. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.



Hymn –

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!



Sermon – – *Rev. Roslyn Hamblin*



Hymn –

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



Prayer & Benediction



Postlude



WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

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Today: Evelyn Greenidge

Advanced: Winston Gibbs (2nd), Barbara Murphy-Rock (4th),



Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who will celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary on August 3, 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: PULPIT EXCHANGE

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 10:00 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.

† Provincial Day of Prayer – 7:00 p.m.

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

† Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders at 6:00 p.m.

† Meeting of the Joint Board at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

† The Diabetes & Hypertension Association – West Central Region will be in attendance

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In the Month of July 2023:

- † An Offering of Different Colours – Sunday, 30th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to present a walk-up offering of any colour Barbados currency.
- † Weekend of Thanksgiving marking the 50th Anniversary of CARICOM – July 29 – 31.

In the Month of August 2023:

- † Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *Adventures on Promise Island*. 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, 2023.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. As of Sunday, July 23, 2023, as the Board of Stewards has decided, we will return to the practice of passing the basket along the pews for the collection of Tithes and Offerings.
2. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - † Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on August 1, 2023. On this forty-second edition of our Provincial Day of Prayer, we will meet at 7:00 p.m. for a time of worship and intercession. Let us set aside this time to corporately call upon the name of the Lord. The link for our prayer meeting will be sent shortly.
 - † Unity Synod will be held from September 4 – 10, 2023 in South Africa. Unity Synod is the highest decision-making body of the world-wide Moravian Church and is held every seven years. In addition to the Chairman, the Province will be represented by the Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference and Sis. Beverly Job, treasurer of the Trinidad Conference. Unity Synod will be preceded by a meeting of the Unity Board from September 1 – 3, 2023 which the Chairman will

attend. Your prayers are requested for the Unity Board meeting and Unity Synod.

- ✠ The Chairman will be out of office for Unity Synod and Vacation leave from August 28 – September 12 and September 13 – September 30, respectively. Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair of the Province, will act as Chairman in his absence.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Flower Festival 2023 is scheduled for November 11th & 12th 2023. The theme is “*Rebirth*”. Windows, columns and other locations are available for sponsorship. You may sponsor as an individual, a group, in memory of, etc. Feel free to contact Sis. Heather Hunte or Sis. Joy Best to indicate your desire.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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

8. 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.



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“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. 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.**



Message from Dr. Carla Barnett, Secretary-General, CARICOM on CARICOM's 50th Anniversary

As the Caribbean Community commemorates 50 years of existence and is acknowledged as the longest lasting integration movement of its kind among developing countries, we also know that it is no mean feat that it has endured. Our longevity is the result of a deep commitment immortalized in Incha, Chaguaramas on 4th July, 1973 and nurtured decade after decade by the steely determination of successive governments and the people of the region. This determination spurred the growth of our community from an initial membership of four member states to the current fifteen full members and five associate members.

The four pillars, which define our core objectives: economic integration, foreign policy coordination, human and social development and security cooperation are central to our regional and national development policies. Our active cadre of community institutions continuously focus on priorities such as education and human resource development, health, agriculture and food security, disaster management and response, climate change and crime and security.

We are an influential voice in international forum on critical matters and our leaders have played important roles in addressing critical issues such as the dismantling of apartheid, today, we have a strong voice in the growing Global

debate on reparations for slavery and native genocide, and discussions on climate injustice and responsibility for damage caused by climate change.

As a region, we number among our diverse accomplishments the establishment of the Caribbean Development Bank, the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, the Caribbean Examinations Council, the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS and the Caribbean Public Health Agency.

CARICOM has traversed five decades of challenge and change and we are understandably proud of our accomplishments. As the theme selected for the 50th Anniversary celebrations declares, we are 50 years strong with a solid foundation to build on. We will continue to forge a Caribbean Community that is inclusive and resilient a community that is a unified competitive force in the global arena, where every citizen is secure and a community that shares opportunities and economic social and cultural prosperity.

As we celebrate this golden jubilee we pay homage to our founders, the past and present administrations and staff of institutions and associate institutions of the community and of the CARICOM Secretariat to the people of the region both resident and in the diaspora and to our international partners. We acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, your deeply rooted commitment to the ideals of integration and the concrete benefits that have accrued to the region because of your partnerships, advocacy and hard work, and as we look forward, we acknowledge that the global landscape has evolved significantly from the realities of 1973.

If we are to fulfill the promise of our integration as laid out in the Treaty of Chaguaramas we must continue to demonstrate the acumen, tenacity and sense of shared purpose that has sustained us for the past 50 years. This is what will secure a safe and prosperous community for future generations of our region, let us therefore marshal our talents and our zeal and continue resolutely towards our vision of one ‘Caribbean a Community for All’.



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS

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BRING A FRIEND!





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Evangel (1989)
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2023 CALENDAR

“SHIFT: Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, and Re-igniting our Passion”

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

01 - New Year's Day
06 - Epiphany

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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07 - Grenada's Independence
22 - Ash Wednesday

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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05 - Unity Sunday
26 - Theological Education Sunday
31 - USVI Transfer Day

ARRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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07 - Good Friday
09 - Easter Sunday

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18 - Ascension Day
28 - Pentecost

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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04 - Trinity Sunday

JULY

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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence
24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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31 - Reformation Day

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence
13 - Chief Elder Festival

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25 - Christmas Day