

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

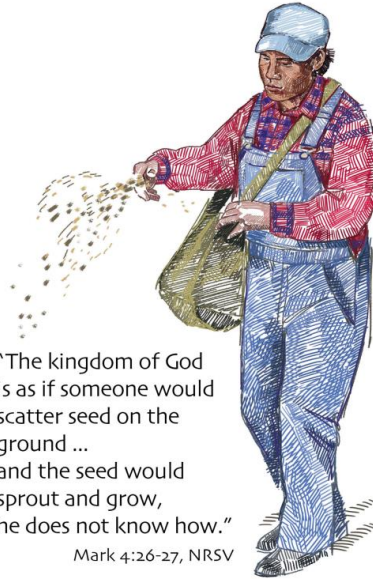
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"The kingdom of God
is as if someone would
scatter seed on the
ground ...
and the seed would
sprout and grow,
he does not know how."

Mark 4:26-27, NRSV

Sunday, June 13, 2021

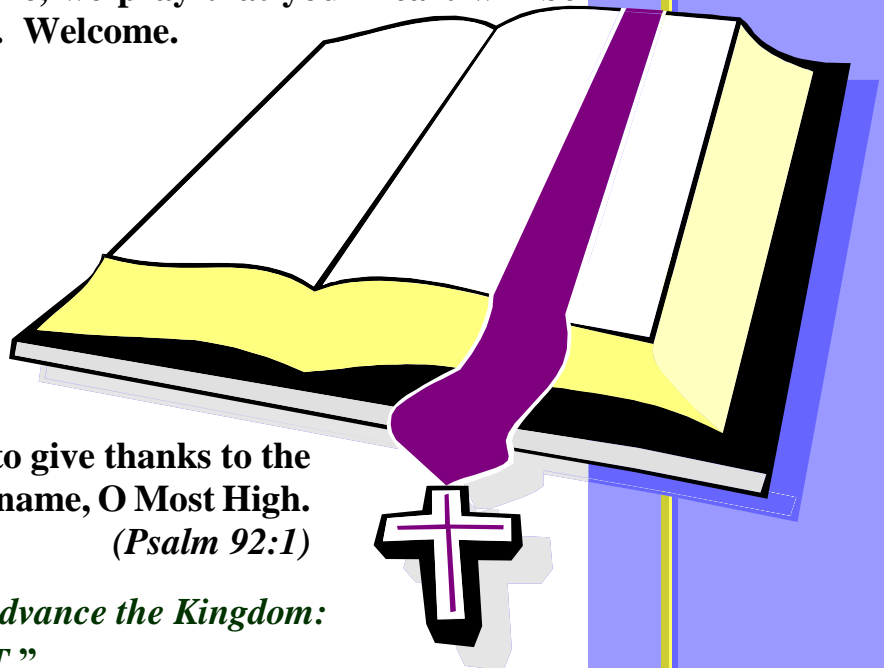
Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to this service of worship and celebration of the love of God our Saviour. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or joining us online, we pray that your heart will be blessed as we worship today. Welcome.

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

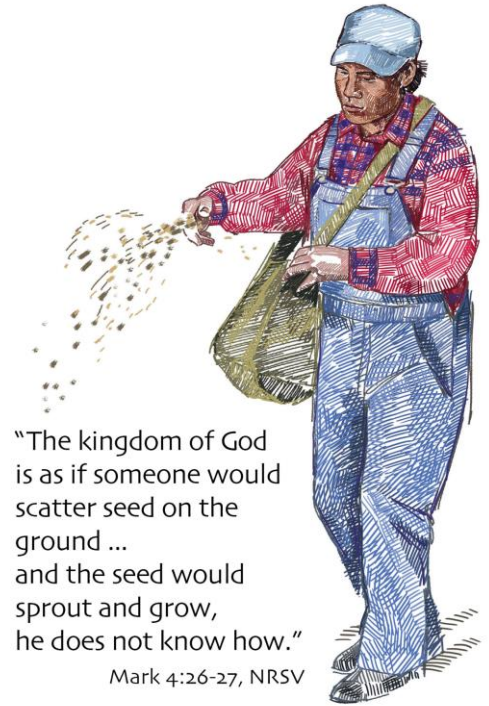


WATCHWORD: It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
(Psalm 92:1)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude
Introit
Call to Worship
Hymn 634 – *“Come Ye Thankful People Come”*
Responsive Reading: THANKSGIVING (Projected)
Hymn 158 – *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*
Welcome, Celebrations & Notices
Adoration in Songs & Choruses
Blessing of Tithes & Offerings
Choir Anthem – *“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*
Scripture Reading: Mark 4: 26 – 34
Hymn of Preparation – *“In Christ Alone”*
Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*
Prayer of Commitment and Intercession
Hymn – *“Bringing In The Sheaves”*
The Benediction
Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 634 –

Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
Bring thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.



THANKSGIVING Responsive Reading

Old Testament: Ps. 92:14; Ezra 3:10 – 11; 1 Chr. 29:10 – 13

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets,

And the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel;

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours;

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might;

And it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

New Testament: 1 Thess. 5:18; 1 Tim. 4:4 – 5; Col. 2:6-7; Phil. 4:6 – 7; 1 Cor. 1:4 – 7; 2 Cor. 2:14 – 15

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God’s word and by prayer.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him,

In speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.



Hymn 158 –

**My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Choir Anthem – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 4: 26 – 34

- 26 **And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;**
- 27 **And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.**
- 28 **For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.**
- 29 **But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.**
- 30 **And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?**
- 31 **It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:**
- 32 **But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.**
- 33 **And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.**
- 34 **But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.**



Hymn of Preparation – “In Christ Alone”

**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.**

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Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn – “Bringing In The Sheaves”

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noon-tide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows;
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest and the labour ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Tho’ the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping’s over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



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Today: Allison Greenidge-Thomas

Advanced: Daphne Holder & Jabarrie Prescod (15th), Victor Bedford & Jaire Lewis-Burke (16th), Chantal Clarke, Ajani Miller & Monique Tull (17th), Hal Ifill (18th), Sandy Baird & Gavin Ramsay (19th)



Congratulations to Bro. Owen & Sis. Marion Taylor who will celebrate their 16th Wedding Anniversary on June 18, 2021.



We acknowledge a donation of \$500 towards the Organ Fund from Sis. Daphne Holder in celebration of her birthday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † **TODAY:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
- † **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).
- † **Wednesday:** Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † **Friday:** Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † **Next Sunday:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our Annual Convention will be held on the First Sunday in July as we commemorate the martyrdom of John Hus and reflect on the convictions that gave rise to the Moravian Church. We are planning this year to have the morning service in-sanctuary at the Calvary Moravian Church on Roebuck Street, and to hold two online sessions in the afternoon. Please spread the word and plan to join us on Sunday, July 4, 2021 for our Annual Convention.
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 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, Grace Lashley, 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.

