

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we blend our voices today and sing of the goodness of God. *His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is [His] faithfulness.* May hearts be refreshed as we worship. Welcome.

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

WATCHWORD: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.

(Lamentations 3:22)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalms 92:1-2

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Congregation: ² To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.

Hymn 161 – “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30:1 – 12

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 270 – “He Pardoned My Transgressions”

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Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

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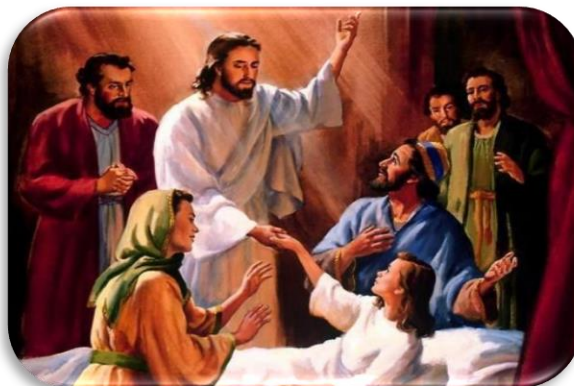
Hymn 546 – “A Charge To Keep I Have”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 161 –

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**His grace subdues the power of sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**Look unto him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race;
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.**



Responsive Reading: Psalm 30:1 – 12

- 1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
- 3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
- 7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
- 8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
- 9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!*

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

**He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.**

**He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.**

**He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.**

**He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.**

**There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.**



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 5: 21 – 43

21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

- 22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,
- 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.
- 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.
- 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
- 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.
- 35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?
- 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.
- 37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.
- 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.
- 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.



Choir Anthem – “*Amazing Grace*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 543 –

This child we dedicate to thee,
O God of grace and purity;
Shield *him* from sin and threatening wrong,
And let Thy love *his* life prolong.

O may Thy Spirit gently draw
His willing soul to keep Thy law;
May virtue, piety, and truth,
Dawn even with his dawning youth.

We, too, O God, thy children are;
And if our feet have wandered far;
Recall us to our Father’s home,
And keep us that no more we roam.



THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The congregation being seated and the child/children to be baptized and the parent/s or sponsor/s being in place, the minister says:

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, and blessed them.

We are about to share in the sacrament of baptism. We believe that baptism points to the grace of God freely given to all who avail themselves of it. We believe that all who are born into the world are children of God, made in his image. We acknowledge the fatherly and motherly love of God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, and we pray that in due time *this child* may display in *his/her* life the gracious marks of a child of God.

Let us profess together the faith of the Church.

We believe in God the Father, creator of the universe.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, redeemer of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life.

The parent/s or sponsor/s stand.

The minister addresses them:

Earnestly believe that our Saviour Christ loves *this child*, that he is ready to receive and embrace *him/her*, to give *him/her* the blessing of eternal life, and to make *him/her* a partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

Our Lord has promised to grant the things which we ask in his name, which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Do you, for your part, make confession of the faith wherein *this child* is to be baptized, in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: We do.

Do you promise, in reliance on divine grace, to teach *him/her* the truths and duties of the Christian faith and by prayer, precept and example, to bring *him/her* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the fellowship of the Church?

Answer: We do.

May God give you grace and wisdom to provide a caring and loving home for this *new life* committed to your charge.

The minister addresses the congregation:

Will you as a congregation accept *this child* as a *new member* of the Christian Church? Will you, by your witness, set a good and joyful example of fellowship, service and love?

Answer: We will.

All stand.

This hymn verse is sung:

*New life, O Lord to you we bring,
Giver of all, our Friend, our King;
Receive him/her in your strong embrace,
Within your Church give him/her a place;
A lifelong friendship here begin,
And grace, a crown of life to win.*

Moravian Alternative Order 1987, anon.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose son Jesus Christ was carried as a child into the Temple, and who himself took little children into his arms and blessed them, look mercifully upon us now, and bless what in your name we do. May *this child*, now to be baptized into the Church, the body of Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit grow into the likeness of *his /her* Saviour. May *he/she* in time be led to take a full part as *a member* of the Church. And by your grace may *he/she* remain your faithful witness all *his/her* days.

Each child is presented to the minister who baptizes him/her with water saying:

....., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

After all have been baptized, the congregation says:

We receive this child into the Church, in the trust that hereafter he/she shall not be ashamed to confess his/her faith in Christ.

All sit.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour,

Have mercy upon us.

By your human birth,
By your obedience, diligence, and faithfulness,
By your life, suffering and death,

By your resurrection, and ascension,
By your continuing presence,
By your Church's teaching and worship,

Bless us now and always.

O God, we praise you for the mercies of birth, and for all the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. We give you thanks today for the safe arrival of *this child* and ask your blessing on *him/her* and all those who have responsibility for *his/her* care. May they, and all who share in the nurture of children, find great happiness and fulfilment in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Christ, the friend of children everywhere, the faithful protector of all who are weak and small: keep, guard and bless your children. Through the work of your Spirit help them to grow in strength and beauty of character, and closer to you.

Jesus, Saviour, hear us.

Holy Spirit, bless us all and renew us this day. Help us to surrender ourselves to you, so that we, and the children committed to our care, may lead lives worthy of you, and of the family of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, hear us. Amen.

The congregation shall pray together:

O Lord, help us to think more deeply on the seriousness of this holy sacrament. Forgive us for the times when we have come short of the grace of our own baptism, by wondering from your ways: and bring us back with a perfect repentance. Renew us in this moment By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to be loving, teach us to be humble and strengthen us to live godly lives, as those who have been baptized by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Hymn 546

**A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
A rest to gain on high:**

**To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!**

**Arm me with watchful care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.**

Help me to watch and pray,
And still on thee rely,
And let me not my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



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Today: *Christian Lynch & Marcia Springer*

Advanced: *Danielle Greenidge, Carol Martindale, Lawrence Moore & Philippa Smith (28th), Zelia Kellman & Nathan Maynard (July 1st), Violet Ellis & Kimberley Eversley (2nd), Berkeley Greenidge, Andrea Maynard, Marjorie Adams & Aaron Ramsay (3rd), Theophilus Cadogan (4th), Luther Barker (8th) Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Hurdle (10th)*



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.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Joyce Adams in celebration of her birthday

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We acknowledge a "Thank You" card from Mrs. Marcia Brathwaite and Family for our support on the passing of her husband, Bro. Archibald Brathwaite.



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).
- † Tuesday: Meeting of the Board of Stewards – 6:00 p.m. in-person.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:00 p.m. in-person.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: “Prayer Shift” online prayer Meeting – 6:00 a.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Convention Sunday
 - † Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. No worship here at Sharon.
 - † “Leaders Shift” (With Rev. Algernon Lewis) – 4:00 p.m. online
 - † “Members Shift” (With Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel) – 4:00 p.m. online



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. On the weekend of the First Sunday in July the Moravian Church in Barbados will hold its Annual Convention as we commemorate the martyrdom of John Hus and reflect on the convictions that gave rise to the Moravian Church.
 - † We will gather online on Saturday, July 3rd for “Prayer Shift” a prayer meeting via Zoom, commencing at 6:00 a.m. Zoom ID: 818 3726 4034 // Passcode: mcbc2021
 - † Then on Sunday, July 4th, at 9:30 a.m. we will gather in-sanctuary at the Calvary Moravian Church on Roebuck Street for worship, including Holy Communion. COVID-19 protocols will be observed.
 - † In the afternoon of Sunday, July 4th, two online sessions will be held simultaneously at 4:00 p.m. for leaders and the general membership.
 - † “Leaders Shift” (With Rev. Algernon Lewis, the Chairman of PEC) – 4:00 p.m. Online – Zoom ID: 836 2077 3375 // Passcode: 885983
 - † “Members Shift” (With Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel of the Tobago Conference) – 4:00 p.m. Zoom ID: 857 3197 9737 // Passcode: 830070
 - † Please spread the word and plan to be a part of our Annual Convention.
2. The Provincial Day of Prayer continues on July 1, 2021. For this prayer event we will meet twice to collectively connect with God and stand in the gap on behalf of the Church, the world, and ourselves. At 12 midday, there will be a “*selah moment*” where we meet for meditative prayer. At 7:00 p.m., we will have our evening intercessions as we stand in the gap. The link for our virtual prayer meeting will be sent in time for the event. Let us join our hearts in prayer.
3. Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to ordain Bro David Ince to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church. The ordination service will take place on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street, Bridgetown, Barbados at 5:00 p.m. Please pray for Bro. Ince and family at this time of dedication.

4. There will be an Annual General Meeting of Island Conference on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, commencing at 10:00 a.m.
5. 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 is *"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.
6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - † The Rev. Elva Richards-Goodwin who currently serves as the pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Bethany and Emmaus Congregations on St. John in the Virgin Islands Conference. This call takes effect from August 1, 2021.
 - † The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas who has been on secondment to the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province since 2001, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2021.
 - † Please pray for Sis. Richards-Goodwin and Bro. Nicholas and their families as they prepare to assume these calls. These calls are subject to adjustments due to COVID-19 pandemic realities.
7. The Moravian Church Provincial family expresses condolences to the following:
 - † Bishop Kingsley Lewis and Sis. Maureen Lewis on the death of Sis. Lewis' brother, Dr. Hugo Francis Murchison Reid, who died on June 1, 2021 in Trinidad. He was cremated on June 8, 2021.
 - † Rev. Wellesley Ferguson on the death of wife, Sis. Valarie Ferguson, on June 17, 2021 in New York. Bro. Ferguson expresses thanks to the Province in general and the Conferences and Congregations he served in particular, for the prayers and support offered to the family during Sis. Valarie's illness and now in her death. Information on the service of thanksgiving for the life of Sis. Valarie Ferguson will be shared later.
 - † Please keep these families in your prayers in their time of grief and loss. Our God is well able to bring comfort and peace.
8. 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.

9. 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 Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Marcia “Judy” Dear on the passing of her mother Kathleen Dear last month; the family of Bro. Michael Lewis who passed on Friday, June 25, 2021.*
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.**

