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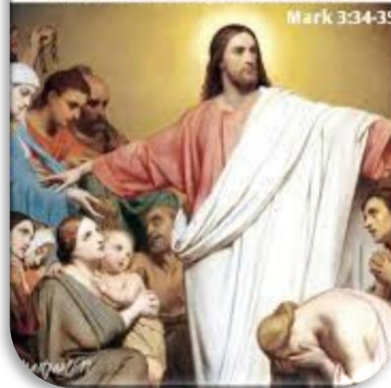
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Here are my mother
and my brethren!
Whoever does
the will of God,
is my brother
and sister and mother.



Sunday, June 6, 2021

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Moravian Music Sunday**

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, a day set apart by the Moravian Church E.W.I. Province for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. We give God thanks today for his many and varied gifts. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my applications. *(Psalm 130:2)*

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship: Psalm 113:1 – 3, *Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!*

² *Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!* ³ *From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name is to be praised.*

Hymn 520 – “O Lord of Hosts Today”

Litany for Music Sunday (Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

The Installation of Officers (Liturgy Book, p. 208 / Projected)

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20 – 35

Choir Anthem – “Songs for the Journey”

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 367 – “We Have This Hope”

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Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns:

585 – “I Hunger And I Thirst”

559 – “O Come, Thou Blessed Lord” (J. La Trobe)

580 – *My Heart Is Resting, O My God*”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns:

225 – “I Love the Lord, He Lent An Ear” (Montgomery)

165 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

191 – “I’ve Found A Friend”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 30

– “You Are Wonderful You Are Marvellous” (Titus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 447

– “What Brought Us Together” (Schlicht)

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 520 –

**O Lord of Hosts, today
We'll worship and adore;
Then meet us as we kneel to pray
And make us love Thee more.**

**To this Thy house of prayer
We come with willing feet.
A loving fellowship we share
Harmoniously sweet.**

**We thank Thee, Lord, for heaven,
While here to Thee we sing.
But chiefly for Christ Jesus given,
And then for everything.**

**Grant us the faith, that we
Thy servants may remain;
And toiling on continually,
Thy great cause to maintain.**

**This prayer we offer here,
For all these souls are thine
O bend from heaven Thy gracious ear,
Thou Majesty Divine.**

**To Thee all glory be,
And to Thy blessed Son;
All glory Holy Ghost to Thee
While endless ages run.**



MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Tune: Mit Freuden Zart - # 251

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and every grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!**

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

EDEN (597 B)

**Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise;
our hymns in glad thanksgiving in gratitude we raise,
for all you did on Calv'ry when suffering on the tree –
the world from sin's dominion most wondrously set free.**

**And I, unworthy sinner when kneeling at your feet,
can see that my redemption in you is now complete:
in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days,
and then in heav'nly glory my hallelujahs raise.**

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Saviour, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

In whose holy name we pray. Amen.

COVENANT (185 A)

**Lamb of God, you shall remain forever
of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor,
we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded
shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love,
once shall join the church above.**

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Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean

All standing.

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: *Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom His Lord shall set over His household to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom His Lord, when He comes shall find so doing.*

Hear also what St. Paul writes: *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. For there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same Lord who works all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. Moreover, it is required in stewards that they be found faithful.*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, we give you thanks that you have called us into your service. Grant us, we pray, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may know our calling, and that we may obey you and do your work in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We are gathered together in the sight of God to publicly commission our brothers and sisters as members of the Board of Elders and Board of Stewards and Delegates to Island Conference. We believe that they have been called of God to this great office. They have been examined and approved, according to the rules and principles of the Moravian Church.

We pray that God will endue them with love and power that they may exercise the ministry of His Word with true conviction and power, edifying His Church, and living to the honour and glory of His name. *Amen.*

To the outgoing officers:

On behalf of the congregation I thank you for your faithful service to God in His Church. May his blessing be yours, and may you experience the joy of knowing that you were used by your Master in a special way as you continue to pray for His guidance in your life and in the life of His Church.

Addressing those to be installed:

After prayerful consideration and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the membership of this congregation has chosen you to the office of _____.

(Here the officers and offices shall be named.)

Are you willing to accept this position now as a trust committed to you by our Lord and Master, the Head of this body, the Church?

Officers: I am

Do you promise to serve to the best of your ability as faithful stewards called by God?

Officers: I do, the Lord being my Helper.

Addressing the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, inasmuch as these officers, responsible for the well-being of this congregation have publicly pledged themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to exert their very best efforts to this end, will you now promise to bear in mind that you as members collectively elected them, and will you therefore pledge to support them by prayer, by word and by work at all times?

Congregation: We will.

In the name of the Church's Head, I now declare you to be duly installed into the offices to which you have been elected and appointed.

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, who has called us into the fellowship of your church, grant we pray that in all our offices we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual home. Upon those who offer themselves for your service, bestow the fullness of your grace. Bless and help these your servants. Be present in all the works of your Church which are undertaken according to your will. Grant to these labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth and the bliss of serving you in heaven, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

A hymn is sung while the Minister extends the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed officers.

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S.M.

Tune: Narenza - # 403

**Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.**

**Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight,
For awful is his name.**

**Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.**

**Glad will that servant be,
In such a posture found!
Who shall the Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.**

**Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.**

1755. P. Doddridge.



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20 – 35

- 20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.
- 21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.
- 22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.
- 23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?
- 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
- 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
- 26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.
- 27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
- 28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
- 29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.
- 30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.
- 31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.
- 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.
- 33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?
- 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.



Choir Anthem – – “*Songs for the Journey*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 367 –

We have this Hope, though in the midst of turmoil
Here, in our Land and those beyond the seas,
That by our faith, through fervent prayer, and steadfast,
Our God of peace will bring us through, at last;
For He will not forsake us, no, he'll never!
This universe is in His full control,
His word is true, His love is everlasting,
He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.

We have this Hope, though troubles seem unending,
And say – fresh fears consuming our minds –
That our dear Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer,
Will give us refuge from the storms of life.
His arms are strong, e'er ready to enfold us,
We need no other for our sure repose,
Safe and secure are we, while in His keeping,
He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.

We have a Hope, though clouds obscure our sunshine,
And nights are long, and sorrows linger on –
That our dear Lord, with tender love and mercy,
Will give us comfort till the morning comes.
He will not have us comfortless – oh never!
We are all precious in his Holy sight;
So, let us thank Him, praise Him, now, and ever,
He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**

All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



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**I hunger and I thirst,
Jesus, my manna be;
Ye living waters, burst
Out of the rock for me.**

**Thou bruised and broken bread,
My life-long wants supply;
As living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die.**

**Thou true life-giving Vine,
Let me Thy sweetness prove;
Renew my life with Thine,
Refresh my soul with love.**

**Rough paths my feet have trod,
Since first their course began;
Feed me, Thou Bread of God;
Help me, Thou Son of Man.**

**For still the desert lies
My fainting soul before;
O living waters, rise
Within me evermore.**



559

**O Come, thou blessèd Lord,
Meet thou thy waiting flock,
Spread thy best blessings on thy board,
Give water from the rock.**

**We look alone to thee
To bring thy heavenly store,
Food that through time our strength shall be,
And life for evermore.**

**'Tis vain the prayer to pour,
To lift on high the song,
Unless thou sanctify the hour,
And come thy flock among.**

**'Tis vain around to press,
Howe'er the board be spread,
Unless thou come thyself to bless,
Who art the Church's Head.**

**'Tis vain the bread to eat,
To drink the sacred wine,
Unless thou come thy guests to meet,
And pledge the power divine.**

**Come then, thou blessèd Lord,
Now meet thy waiting flock,
Distribute blessings from thy board,
Give water from the rock.**



My heart is resting, O my God,
 I will give thanks and sing;
 My heart is at the secret source
 Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
 No hand but Thine shall fill;
 For the waters of the Earth have failed,
 And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
 And here all day they rise;
 I seek the treasure of Thy love,
 And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
 That yet I must not see;
 The hand that bled to make it mine
 Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
 To long loved music set:
 Glory to Thee for all the grace
 I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
 Who hast made all things mine;
 O draw my captive will to thee,
 And make it one with thine.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

*Most holy Lord and God,
 Holy, almighty God,
 Holy and most merciful Saviour,
 Thou eternal God;
 Grant that we may never*

*Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



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**I love the Lord; he lent an ear,
When I for help implored;
He rescued me from all my fear,
Therefore I love the Lord.**

**Return, my soul, unto thy rest,
From God no longer roam;
His hand hath bountifully blest,
His goodness calls thee home.**

**What shall I render unto thee,
My Saviour in distress,
For all thy benefits to me,
So great and numberless?**

**This will I do, for thy love's sake,
And thus thy power proclaim,
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
And call upon thy name.**

**Thou God of covenanted grace,
Hear and record my vow,
While in thy courts I seek thy face,
And at thine altar bow.**

**Henceforth myself to thee I give,
With single, heart and eye,
To walk before thee while I live,
And bless thee when I die.**



The King of love my Shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never,
 I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
 My ransomed soul He leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me,
 And on His shoulder gently laid,
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And O what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.



I've found a friend; O such a friend!
 He loved me ere I knew him;
 He drew me with the cords of love,
 And thus he bound me to him;
 And round my heart still closely twine
 Those ties which naught can sever,
 For I am his, and he is mine,
 Forever and forever.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
 He bled, he died to save me;
 And not alone the gift of life,

But his own self he gave me.
Nought that I have mine own I call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all
Are his, and his forever.

I've found a friend, O such a friend!
So kind, and true, and tender!
So wise a counselor and guide,
So mighty a defender!
From him who loves me now so well
What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No! I am his for ever.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 30

*You are wonderful,
You are marvelous,
You are good O Lord to me!
You are faithful,
You're incomparable,
You are good O Lord to me!*

**In the annals of creation,
In the history of the world,**

**Man has not known nor heard
Of a God as good as You.**

**You fill the heavens and the earth,
You fling the stars in space.
You made us all in Your image.
And there is no God like You.**

**Your goodness fills all the earth
And your love surpasses all.
Unmatchable is Your power;
Lord, there is no God like You!**



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn – 447

**What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.**

**Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,**

In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



The Blessing:

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

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome to all as we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, a day set apart by the Moravian Church E.W.I. Province for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. We give God thanks today for his many and varied gifts. Welcome.



Today: *Emelda Charles-Clarke & Kathleen Forde*

Advanced: *Christopher Greenidge & Athelstan Lawrence (7th), Keisha Lewis & Shaunette Small (8th), Grace Lashley (shut-in) & Evelina King-Harper (9th), Victor Carrington & Edna Taylor (11th), Danielle Holloway & Cynthia Moore (12th)*

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. Evelina King-Harper in celebration of her birthday



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, 2021. The thematic focus this year is Trust in God.
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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY
 - † Divine Worship, Installation of Officers & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
- † Office Hours: Tuesday & 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.



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 St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados and other nearby islands as we deal with the effects of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent.



AVAILABLE:

- ✚ 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. Infant Baptism, 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.**

