

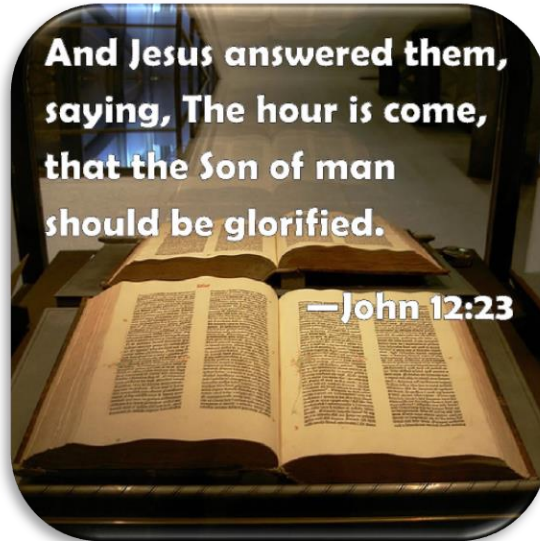
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LENT



Sunday, March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: It's another day the Lord has made. And what shall we do, but rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. The God of our salvation is worthy of praise. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

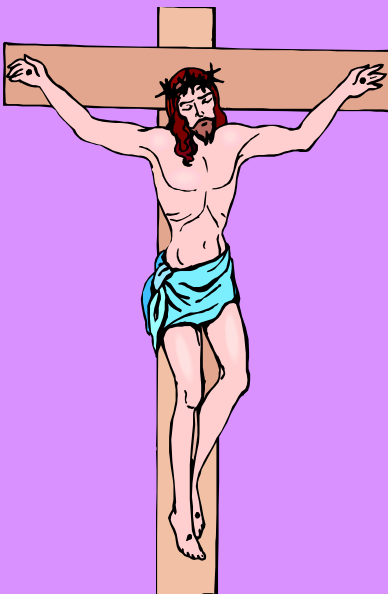
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WATCHWORD: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. *(Psalm 51:10)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Come people of God, let us walk with our Lord by following His example.

Cong: *We will follow our Lord*

Opening Hymn – “Down In The Valley” (SS#529)

Litany for Lent B (CMP Liturgy Book p.117) Cont.

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.” – Psalm 136:26.*

Offertory Hymn: Canticle 6 – “St. Patrick’s Hymn”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31 – 34**

Second Scripture Reading: **John 12:20 – 33**

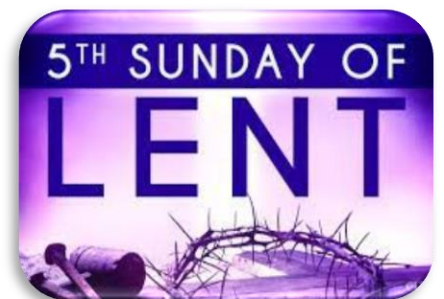
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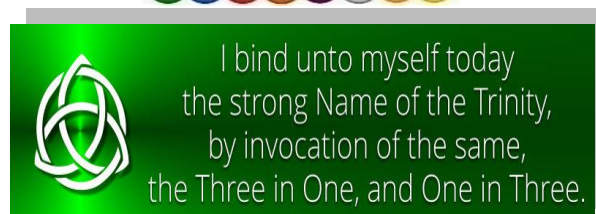
Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn – “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



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Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come people of God, let us walk with our Lord by following His example.

Cong: *We will follow our Lord*



Opening Hymn –

Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,
where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow,
everywhere he leads me I would follow, follow on,
walking in his footsteps till the crown be won.

*Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus,
anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on.
Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus.
Everywhere he leads me I would follow on.*

Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,
where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow,
with his hand to lead me I will never, never fear;
danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

Down in the valley or upon the mountain steep,
close beside my Saviour would my soul ever keep.
He will lead me safely in the path that he has trod,
up to where they gather on the hills of God.



Lent B

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, giving thanks to his name.

God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. We give you thanks for granting the penitent sinner justification through your own sacrifice. Your promise is to deliver us from the control of darkness and transfer us into the Kingdom of Light.

Thank you God for the gift of freedom which no one could purchase! Jesus paid the price for us and we are very grateful. Hallelujah!

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Grant us sustained peace.

All sit

Let us pray:

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you have enabled us to gather in your name. We are awed by your power and majesty, and touched by your love revealed to us in your Son Jesus Christ. Today, we remember with devotion, his last journey to Jerusalem to complete his work as our Messiah; to suffer, die and rise again. Our spirits are humbled by his obedience to your perfect will. O Father, we confess with shame, our slowness to learn from the example of our Lord. Look mercifully upon us, we pray, as we acknowledge and confess our sins:

Father, we confess that we have sinned against you, yet we know that you love us still. In your steadfast love, forgive our feeble worship which we offer to you; pardon our paltry praise; extend your mercy to us in our failure to be genuine in our fellowship one with the other, and absolve our tendency to neglect attending to the needs of those who are the least among us within our communities. Reclaim us as your own for we truly repent of our sins as we resolve to follow in the footsteps of your Son. We embrace God's promise to us: A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Amen.

Jesus, you were tempted in every way as we are yet you did not sin. You triumphed over temptation by the power of your word.

As we are bombarded daily by temptations of the body, mind and spirit, may we see ourselves as overcomers because of the power of your Holy Word which we have hidden in our hearts so that we may not sin against you.

Empowering Holy Spirit of God, the source of all that is good and true in this life:

Give us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tune: NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the Cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all – a healing stream –
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the Cross, in the Cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.

Fanny Crosby (1820 – 1915)

All stand

By your agony and passion;
By all your sacred wounds;
By your cross and precious blood;
By your innocent suffering and dying;
By your stripes which heal;
By your rest in the grave;
By your triumphant victory over death;
By your resurrection and ascension.

Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.

Tune: POWER IN THE BLOOD

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

*There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Lewis E. Jones (1865 – 1936)

Our Saviour in his living never failed to teach, heal, encourage and befriend all people. May we, even as we follow his perfect example and bear our own crosses, likewise demonstrate Christ's compassion to all we meet.

May we become aware that we are channels of God's grace, not magnifying our troubles or forgetting our blessings. May God give us a ready mind to minister to others on their journey, to share our gifts with those in need, and to be always willing to proclaim to all, the good news of salvation.

We give you thanks for the obedience of Christ, who by his death on the cross purchased our redemption; to the same one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honour and power for ever. *Amen*

Tune: ROCKINGHAM – # 87

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.” – Psalm 136:26.*

Offertory Hymn: Canticle 6 –

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same
The three in One and One in Three.

I bind this today to me forever:
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in Jordan river,
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
His riding up the heavenly way,
His coming at the day of doom

I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need;
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course –
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place, and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The three in One and One in Three.
By whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks

*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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

31. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
32. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
33. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.



Second Scripture Reading: John 12:20 – 33

20. And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
21. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
22. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.
23. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
25. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
26. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
27. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
28. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.
29. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
30. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.
31. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
33. This he said, signifying what death he should die.



Choir Anthem – “God So Loved The World”



Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn –

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
“Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.”

*Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.*

I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.



Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. The God of our salvation is worthy of praise. Welcome.



Advanced: Richard Prescod (18th), Rudolph Best & Sheila Foster-Clarke (19th), Marva Gibbons-Potts (20th), Amayah Chase-Belgrave (21st)



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. Marva Gibbons-Potts in celebration of her birthday.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor at 3:30 p.m.
- † This Week:
- † Office Hours – Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets – Hosea) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: **PALM SUNDAY**
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

- ✚ Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- ✚ Moravian Singers – *Palm Sunday Recital* – 5:00 p.m. at Bethlehem.



Activities in the Month of March 2024:

- ✚ Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 17th
- ✚ Moravian Singers of Barbados – *A Palm Sunday Recital* – Sunday, 24th, 5:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Moravian Church, Maxwell, Christ Church. A presentation of J. H. Maunder’s Hosanna, *Blessed Is He That Comes and Penitence, Pardon and Peace*. Admission is free. An offering will be received.
- ✚ Theological Education Sunday – 24th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. March is Month of Disabled, in Barbados and as a church we offer our encouragement and support to any who are faced with a disability of any nature. We extend the invitation to all to be mindful of and create space for people with disabilities, that they may find life. On our premises here at Sharon, you will note that a Disabled Parking Space has been demarcated in front of the D. C. Moore Centre. We ask that it be reserved for those with mobility challenges who drive.
2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. We held our Anniversary Service on February 10th. Other events being planned, include:
 - ✚ Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale!
 - ✚ “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
 - ✚ Anniversary Dinner & Gala – Date to be confirmed.
 - ✚ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. **Envelopes are available for collection.** For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name –*

Sharon Moravian Church. A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



3. At its meeting held on March 12, 2024, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman – Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer – Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis Brenda Mascoll; Assistant Treasurer – Sis Jennifer Clarke.
4. At its meeting held on February 29, 2024, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Carmel Downes as Vice-Chairman, Sis Cora Cumberbatch as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary. The assignment of Districts is a follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs

10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Bevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. From the Superintendent:

✝ On Sunday, March 24, 2024, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will observe Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually, we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our Moravian ministers in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. A special offering towards ministerial training is also received. Currently, there is one (1) minister in training from this Province: Sis. Chioma Henry. Let us remember them especially in our prayers.

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



The Past 225 Years



5. In 1852, James Young Edgehill became the first Barbadian to serve as a minister of the Moravian Church on the island of Barbados. A plaque to his memory rests on the northern wall of Sharon, St. Thomas.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Etwin Parris and family on the passing of her brother – Brian Bentham.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ **Moravian Daily Text 2024:**
 - American Paperback Edition – \$25
 - American Large Print Edition – \$32
- ✚ **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – 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 for 2024 – 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.



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

“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



UNITY PRAYER DAY OFFERING 2024.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic

GERMANY

The Russian war of aggression triggered a large movement of refugees within Ukraine, but also to safe neighbouring countries. More than 1.3 million refugees – mostly women with their children – arrived in Germany alone as of February 2022.

Partly through personal contacts, partly because of the proximity of various congregations to the border, the Moravian Church in Germany had already recognized the responsibility to provide active help at an early stage. The first women and children arrived at the Moravian guest house KOMENSKÝ at the beginning of March 2022 during the days of the Synod meeting. Spontaneously,

an information and discussion session was arranged at Synod. In the following weeks, several rooms in the KOMENSKÝ were made available for refugees. Some moved on later, for others, flats were sought in and around Herrnhut. There was a great readiness to help, within the congregation and also among many people in the surrounding area who donated necessary clothing or furniture.

Like Herrnhut, several other congregations helped immediately with the most necessary items. It soon became clear that housing, clothing, and food could only be the basics of support. From the beginning, personal relationships were also important. Parishioners who spoke Russian often volunteered to help with visits to offices and doctors or started German language courses. In Herrnhut, the “Café Odessa” was founded – a meeting place for newcomers and residents, which continues to open its doors once a week. In Cottbus, the “Haltestelle”, a missionary project of the Moravian Church, invited refugee children to the “Ukrainian School”. Here they could learn German in a playful way, but above all enjoy hours of levity after the often-traumatic experiences of the war. The Haltestelle is still an important anchor point for Ukrainian children and their parents.

Supporting children and young people also became a task for the Moravian schools. Ukrainian classes were established at both the Zinzendorf schools in Königsfeld and Herrnhut. The goal of integrating the children into the regular classes after intensive German language courses has been achieved in the meantime. The Königsfeld Zinzendorf School also provided cost-intensive accommodation for an unaccompanied Ukrainian girl in the boarding facilities.

In addition to helping refugees in the congregations and institutions, the Moravian Church also helped directly in Ukraine. Aid transports to the war-torn regions were supported. In cooperation with other Christian organizations, almost 10,000 copies of the Moravian Daily Watchwords in Ukrainian language have been distributed since the beginning of the war. The books were distributed by pastors and staff of local church congregations, mostly together with aid packages. The soldiers at the front received the Watchwords together with the food packages.

We will continue to distribute the Moravian Watchwords to sow hope with the word of God in a country where war has devastated so many places and landscapes, in a society where joy of life and confidence are hard to find at the moment.

CZECH REPUBLIC

In February 2022, the war in Ukraine began. Due to the war situation, many residents were forced to flee Ukraine and look for a new home in various European countries. Over 500,000 Ukrainian refugees also received temporary protection in the Czech Republic. These are mainly women and children, possibly the elderly, as the men stayed in Ukraine to defend their country.

The Moravian Church Unity Province also got involved in helping Ukrainians without hesitation: by providing accommodation, donating clothes and household items, offering opportunities for work and spending free time, practical help and support. Thanks to the cooperation with the Moravian Church Choir, the community united around the New Generation Christian elementary school in Kyiv, approx. 120 people, moved to Nová Paka - the Nová Paka choir, in cooperation with the region and other organizations, and with the support of donors from UF, managed to secure for them accommodation and spaces for teaching. During this year, some returned or moved to other countries, in the following school year the students from this school will be educated directly in our primary school.

We are still continuing this assistance: in some of our congregations, Ukrainian families continue to stay, or women with children, several women are even employed in our congregations. In our Christian schools and kindergartens, we not only provide education for registered Ukrainian pupils and students (Nová Paka, Hejnice, Liberec), but we also help them and their families, if possible, with solving their needs and the traumas that war brings, our congregations offer the possibility of leisure activities - participation of children in clubs, summer camps, involvement in various activities within the community (mothers' clubs, senior clubs), etc. If possible, Ukrainians participate in our services, which are adapted for them, a Ukrainian Christian group meets weekly in the premises of the Nová Paka church.



The Moramus Singers of Barbados

presents

**Hosanna, Blessed is He that comes
and
Penitence, Pardon and Peace**

by J.H.Maunder

A Palm Sunday Recital

at

Bethlehem Moravian Church
Maxwell
Christ Church



Sunday 24th March, 2024

Time

5:00PM

An offering will be taken

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MONDAY



**APRIL
1ST**



1-6 pm



**SHARON
MORAVIAN
CHURCH**

FUN ACTIVITIES

PRIZES & SURPRISES



FOOD



KID'S ZONE



Stall spaces available. For more information call: 261-0221

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225TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

**225TH
ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE**



FEB 11 | 4:00PM



MAR 3 | 3:30PM

**MARCH OF
WITNESS**
(UNITY SUNDAY)

FUN DAY



APR 1 | 11:00AM

MAY 16 | 7:00PM



**'THE GEORGE
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LECTURE**

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