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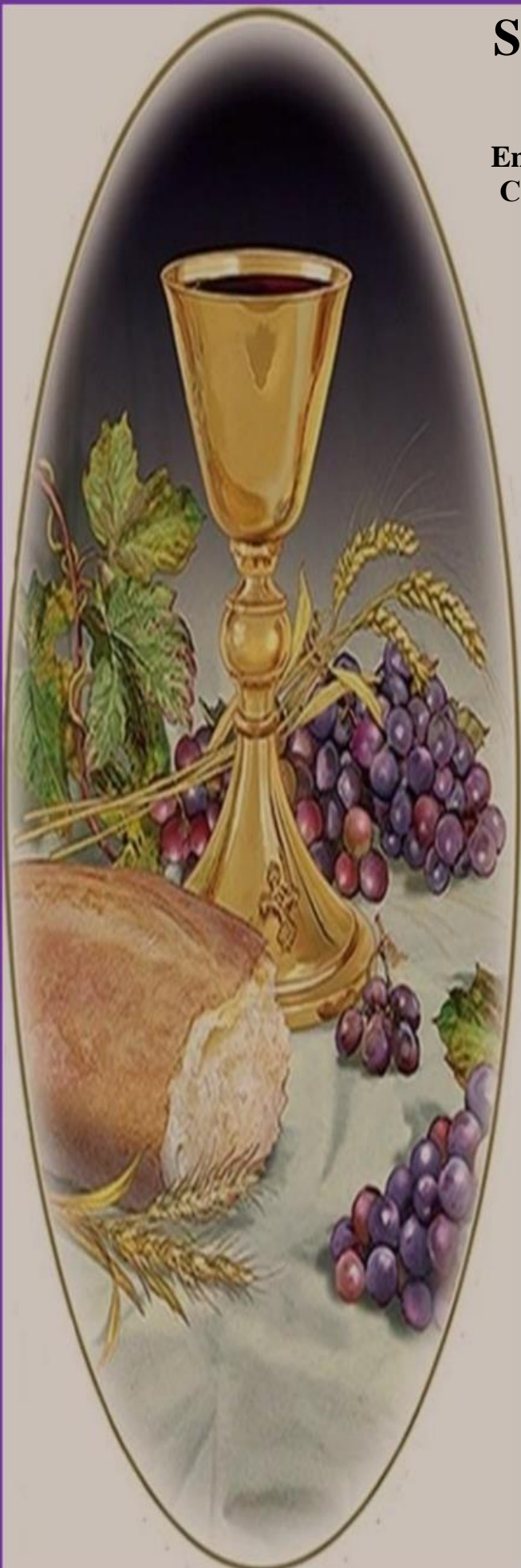
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*Ye shall have a song,
as in the night
when a holy solemnity is kept;
and gladness of heart,
as when one goeth with a pipe
to come into the mountain of the LORD,
to the mighty One of Israel.
Isa. 30:29*

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Moravian Music Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; as we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, a day set apart 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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WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(John 14: 6)

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 113:1 – 3:

Leader: 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!

All: ³ *From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name is to be praised.*

Hymn 497 – “*We Bow Before His Majesty*”

Litany – Moravian Music Sunday (Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*”

(Hebrews 13:15 – 16)

Offertory Hymn: 474 – “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 30:18 – 29

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46 – 55

Choir Anthem – “*Eternal God*”

The Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 341 – “*Praise God! Praise God With Singing*”

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Verse: 566: v.1 – “*Let Us Break Bread Together*”

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 560 – “*Come Take By Faith*”

211 – “*Just As I Am*”

237 – “*Make Me A Captive Lord*”

Eucharistic Verse: 566: v.2 – “*Let Us Drink Wine Together*”

Consecration of the Wine



Distribution Hymns: 140 – *“Come, Let Us Sing The Song Of Songs”*
319 – *“Jesus, My Highest Treasure”*
284 – *“O Thou Who Camest From Above”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – *“We Bless Thee For Thy Peace”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 600 – *“We Now Return, Each To His Tent”*

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Introit

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**Leader: Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD! ²
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forevermore!**

**All: ³ *From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD’s name is
to be praised.***



Hymn 497 –

We bow before His Majesty,
In reverence and with love,
We honour and adore our King,
As angels do above.

Sweet songs of praise to Him we sing,
His goodness we proclaim,
Holy, Almighty, God, Divine,
His, is the dearest name!

We praise Him for His kindness great,
His power and His might;
His righteousness, His acts of grace,
Are marvelous in our sight.

Our thanks, we give, for His dear Son –
Our Saviour, and our Lord,
For love unending, pure and true,
As written in the Word.

For comfort, guidance day by day,
The Holy Ghost imparts,
With thankful lips, we praise our King,
From depths of loving hearts.

We bow before His Majesty,
In reverence and with love,
We worship and adore our King –
Of earth, and Heaven above.



LITURGY FOR 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!

#494

Irregular.

In the morning Lord, we praise your holy name,
In the night time we worship at your throne.
Holy Jesus we want to see your face,
We worship you.

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.

#30

Irregular.

*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!*

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.

#494

Irregular.

You have set me free, the victory you gave,
Now I'm pardoned from all my sinful ways;
I'll rejoice now and shout for I am saved,
I love you Lord.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”*

(Hebrews 13:15 – 16)

Offertory Hymn: 474 –

COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I’m come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 30:18 – 29

18. And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.
19. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.
20. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:
21. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
22. Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.
23. Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.
24. The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25. And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
26. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.
27. Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:
28. And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.
29. Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the mighty One of Israel.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46 – 55

46. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
50. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
51. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
53. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
54. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55. As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.



Choir Anthem – “*Eternal God*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 314 –

Praise God! Praise God with singing,
Rejoice thou Christian flock!
Fear not though foes are bringing
Their hosts against thy rock;
For though they here assail thee,
And seek thy very life,
Let not thy courage fail thee;
Thy God shall turn the strife.

O be not thou dismayèd
Believing little band;
God, in his might arrayèd
To help thee is at hand.
Upon his palms engraven
Thy name is ever found;
He knows, who dwells in heaven,
The ills that thee surround.

His purpose stands unshaken –
What he hath said he’ll do;
And, when by all forsaken,
His Church he will renew.
With pity he beholds her,
E’en in her time of woe;
Still by his word upholds her,
And makes her thrive and grow.

To him belong our praises,
Who still abides our Lord,
Bestowing gifts and graces,
According to his word;
Nor will he e'er forsake us,
But will our guardian be,
And ever stable make us,
In love and unity.



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.**

Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 1

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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.



560

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransomer from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



Just as I am – without one plea,
 But that thy blood was shed for me,
 And that thou bidst me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,
 Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown
 Hath broken every barrier down;
 Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – of that free love
 The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 Here for a season, then above,
 O Lamb of God, I come.



Make me a captive, Lord,
 And then I shall be free;
 Force me to render up my sword,
 And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.

It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.



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.*



Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



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.



140

Come, let us sing the song of songs,
With hearts and voices swell the strain,
The homage which to Christ belongs;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

Slain to redeem us by his blood,
To cleanse from every sinful stain,
And make us kings and priests to God;
“Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!”

To him who suffered on the tree,
Our souls, at his soul’s price, to gain,
Blessing, and praise, and glory be:
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

To him, enthroned by filial right,
All powers in heaven and earth pertain,
Honour, and majesty, and might;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

Long as we live, and when we die,
And while in heaven with him we reign,
This song our song of songs shall be;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”



Jesus, my highest treasure,
 In thy communion blest
 I find unfailing pleasure,
 True happiness and rest:
 Myself a willing offering
 I give to thee alone,
 Because by death and suffering
 Thou didst for me atone.

O joy, all joys excelling,
 The bread of life thou art,
 Thou can'st to make thy dwelling
 In my unworthy heart.
 My spirit's hungry craving
 Thou canst for ever still;
 From deepest anguish saving,
 With bliss my cup canst fill.

O let my eyes be lightened
 By sight of thy dear face;
 My life below be brightened
 By tasting of thy grace;
 Without thee, mighty Saviour,
 To live is nought but pain;
 To have thy love and favour
 Is happiness and gain.

Earth's glory to inherit
 Is not what I desire;
 To heaven aspires my spirit,
 Glowing with nobler fire;
 Where Christ himself appeareth
 In brightest majesty,
 For me a place prepareth,
 There, there I long to be.



O Thou, who camest from above
 The pure celestial fire to impart,
 Kindle a flame of sacred love
 On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
 With inextinguishable blaze,
 And trembling to its source return,
 In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
 To work and speak and think for thee;
 Still let me guard the holy fire,
 And still stir up the gift in me;

Ready for all thy perfect will,
 My acts of faith and love repeat,
 Till death thy endless mercies seal,
 And make the sacrifice complete.



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 – 266

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep –
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.



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 – 600

We now return each to his tent,
Joyful and glad of heart
And from our solemn covenant
Through grace will ne'er depart:
Once more we pledge both heart and hand,
As in God's presence here we stand,
To live to him, and him alone,
Till we surround his throne.



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, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; as we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, a day set apart for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. We give God thanks today for his many and varied gifts. Welcome.





*Advanced Tremaine Hinds (8th), Tiffany Chase & Wendy Davis (10th),
Lucine Baker (13th)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Luther & Sis. Candace Barker who are celebrating
their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2023; Bro. Dennis & Sis. Julia
Depeiza who will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary on May 13, 2023.*

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

† Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 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).

† Tuesday: Women's Fellowship Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom

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

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

† NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHER'S DAY

† Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.



In the Month of May 2023:

- ✝ Prayer Meeting – Saturday, 6th at 6:30 a.m. In-sanctuary.
- ✝ Moravian Music Sunday – 7th
- ✝ Mother’s Day – Sunday, 14th
- ✝ Moravian Children’s Convention – Saturday, 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Meeting of the Provincial Elders Conference (The Administrative Board of the Province) – May 24 – 28, 2023 in Barbados.
- ✝ Pentecost – Sunday, 28th (Testimony Service)

In the Month of June 2023:

- ✝ Trinity Sunday – 4th
- ✝ Fellowship Sunday Outdoor Worship – 11th. We will invite our friends and people from our community to have an open-air worship experience with us; then we will open our picnic baskets and have lunch and fellowship on the grounds.
- ✝ Father’s Day – 18th
- ✝ Conference Evangelism – 25th – 30th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women’s Fellowship will hold a Farmer’s Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. From the Chairman of P.E.C:
 - ✝ Moravian Music Sunday is celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Easter. This year, it falls on May 7, 2023.
 - ✝ Music and music making are wonderful companions on our journeys of faith. God has blessed us repeatedly with people who share these gifts so that our worship is enlivened. Today, we celebrate two of these people. This year is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Christian Gregor (1723 – 1801) who is often referred to as the father of Moravian music. Gregor served the church in the capacities of organist, minister, and church administrator. He was also consecrated a bishop in 1789. Though he has written hundreds of pieces of music, our most used anthem of his is “The Hosanna Anthem.”
 - ✝ Here in the EWI Province, our members continue to share their gifts with us as well. Sister Edris Roberts (1934 – 2022) has been most generous in this

sharing. Over the years, she has been called upon to write hymn texts for various services of ordination, consecration, and numerous festival celebrations for our church. She was a native of Antigua and a member of the Lebanon and Spring Gardens Moravian Churches. Our new hymnal is replete with contributions from Sis Edris.

† As we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, the hymns that follow and the attached litany may be used. Congregations are encouraged to use tunes that are familiar to them. Such tunes would engage the congregation and cause them to worship unhindered.

† Canticle # 7 – *“The Hosanna Anthem”*

† Hymn 391 – *“Help us, our mission to fulfill”*

† Hymn 433 – *“Keep us in Your service, Lord”*

† Hymn 464 – *“I’ll praise the Lord with all my heart”*

† Hymn 497 – *“We bow before His Majesty”*

† The Provincial family celebrates with Rev. Kevin St. Hill and his wife, Dr. Shanele Chase-St. Hill on the birth of their son, Justice Kai St. Hill on April 29, 2023 in Barbados. Both mom and baby are doing well. Please pray for the St. Hill family as they celebrate this new birth. May the Spirit of God continue to keep them.

3. 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.

4. 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
5. Our Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40 a.m.), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), First Ave. Jackson (9:55 am), Lodge Hill (9:00), Sharon (9:15). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: *The Waithe family, on the passing of Bro. Hugh Waithe.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25
- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2023 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✚ Missionary Collection Boxes 2023 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- ✚ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✚ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✚ Books:
 - ▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.

- 📖 **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.**
- ✝️ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**



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2023 CALENDAR

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

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			01 - New Year's Day	06 - Epiphany		

FEBRUARY

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			07 - Grenada's Independence	22 - Ash Wednesday		

MARCH

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			05 - Unity Sunday	26 - Theological Education Sunday	31 - USVI Transfer Day	

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			07 - Good Friday	09 - Easter Sunday		

MAY

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			18 - Ascension Day	28 - Pentecost		

JUNE

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			01 - Territory Day of BVI Day			

AUGUST

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			31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence			

SEPTEMBER

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			19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence	24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses		

OCTOBER

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			31 - Reformation Day			

NOVEMBER

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			01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence	13 - Chief Elder Festival	30 - Barbados Independence	

DECEMBER

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			25 - Christmas Day			

MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457.
 Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun. day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education.

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.
 Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722.
 Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415.

Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.
 Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707.
 Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1751. This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant with God and with one another.
 Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1745. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)
 Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732