

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

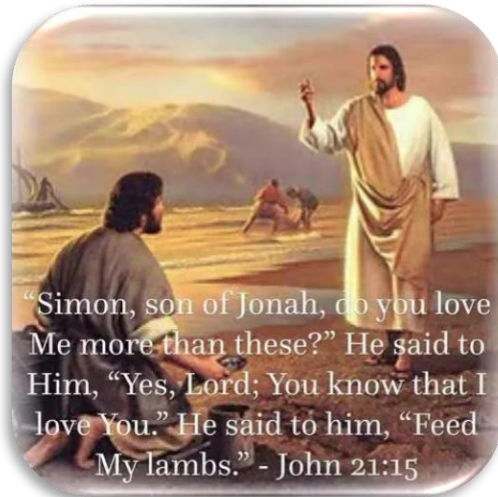
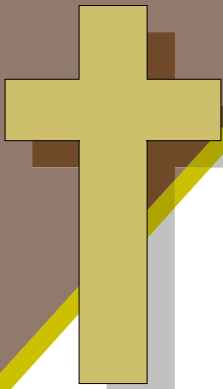
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“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” - John 21:15

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m.**

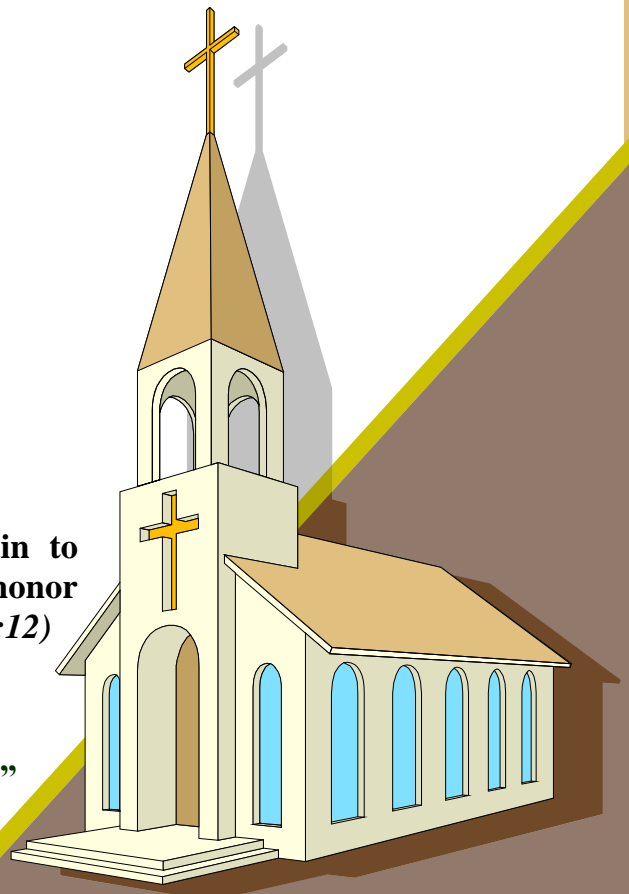
**Welcome:** “*This is the day the Lord has made*” and “*with hearts and with voices His great name we praise.*” Today we continue in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad.

***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***  
***(Manse: 246-546-0344)***

***Associate Pastor:***  
***Rev. Movelle Kellman***

**WATCHWORD:** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
*(Revelation 5:12)*

**Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”**  
***Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;***  
***Focus & Function; Total Transformation***



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 67:3 – 4):

Leader: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.*

Congregation: *Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.*

Hymn 120 – “*With Hearts And With Voices, O Praise Ye The Lord*”

Confession of Faith 1 (p. 240 – Liturgy Book / Projected)

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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Second Scripture Reading: John 21: 14 – 19

Choir Anthem – “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

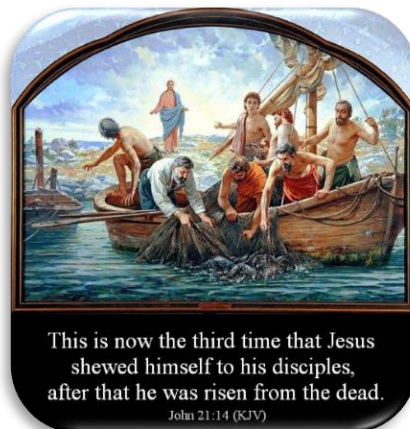
Hymn 281 – “*I Am Thine O Lord*”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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**Hymn 120 –**

With hearts and with voices, O praise ye the Lord;  
Man's foes he has conquered, fulfilling his word;  
He lives who was dead, and how rules in his might,  
Let all in their loud hallelujahs unite.

Hell's host he has conquered, has broken sin's chain;  
Led death, too, his captive, man's freedom to gain;  
As Prince of earth's peace, he now reigns on his throne;  
Once bond-slaves of Satan, he claims us his own.

Man's debt has been paid, for man's surety has died;  
God's Lamb has been slain, and his blood been applied;  
Redemption's accomplished for Adam's lost race,  
For Jesus has risen, attesting God's grace.

Then bless the great conqueror with heart and with song;  
He now ever liveth, his praises prolong;  
In us, living Lord, be thy home ever found,  
Till earth's hallelujahs in heaven resound.



**CONFESSION OF FAITH I**

I believe in the one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself;

*Glory be to You, O Lord most high.*

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in him before the foundation of the world;

Who delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

Who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;

Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the

good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

***In him I truly believe.***

I believe in the only begotten Son of God, by whom are all things and we through him;

Who became flesh, and dwelt among us;

And took on him the form of a servant; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of man;

He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin;

He spoke that which he did know, and bore witness of that which he had seen;

As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.

***In him I truly believe.***

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, and the third day rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

***This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and undone human creature, purchased and gained me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying; to the end that I should be his own, and in his kingdom live under him and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence and happiness; even as he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, world without end.***

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, that he should be our Comforter, and abide with us for ever;

That he should help our infirmity, and make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; that he should bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and teach us to cry, Abba, Father;

That he should shed abroad in our hearts the love of God;

And make our bodies his holy temple;

And that he should work in us the will of God, dividing his gifts to each one, even as he will.

***In him I truly believe.***

To God be glory in the Church which is in Christ Jesus, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times, and from eternity to eternity. ***Amen.***



## 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!



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Scripture Reading: Acts 9: 1 – 20

1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14. And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16. For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
17. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
19. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
20. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.



### **Second Scripture Reading:      John 21: 14 – 19**

14. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
18. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.
19. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.





## Choir Anthem – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



## Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## Hymn 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude





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*“This is the day the Lord has made” and “with hearts and with voices His great name we praise.”* Today we continue in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad.



Advanced: *Kyler Watson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lawrence Walrond (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kelvin Carter (4<sup>th</sup>)*



*Flowers today have been donated by Bro. Kelvin Carter in celebration of his birthday.*

### 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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† No celebration of the Lord's Supper as Rev. Parris just concluded COVID-19 isolation and determined that out of caution and for the mental comfort of all, he will not preside at the table or move among the congregation. Rev. Kellman is on vacation.

† Sunday School (Seniors) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Online Sunday School (Juniors: 15yrs and under) – 11:00 a.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at [valeacock@gmail.com](mailto:valeacock@gmail.com).

† 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *We are continuing our study on being Peacemakers.* Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Next Sunday: **MOTHERS DAY**

† Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (Seniors) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at [valeacock@gmail.com](mailto:valeacock@gmail.com).



## **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 to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. We express thanks to all who organized, contributed and generally supported our **EASTER FOOD SALE** on Easter Monday. It was a success.
3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**  
‡ *Of our congregation:* *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Annie Harris*
3. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ‡ **Moravian Daily Text 2022:**
  - ‡ **American Paperback Edition – \$25**
  - ‡ **American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- ‡ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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.**



## Circular from the Chairman of PEC

**To:** All Members of Staff/Congregations  
**CC:** Members of PEC, Bishops  
**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC  
**Subject:** Synod Advisory #2  
**Date:** March 30, 2022  
**Ref:** PEC 70/22

### FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The date for the 33rd Provincial Synod has been adjusted to July 17 – 22, 2022. The Opening Service will be on July 17 at 9.00 a.m. This will be a provincial service with input from each Conference.
2. The Synod Retreat will be held on July 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for the Retreat is: Embracing the change: Thriving amidst the crisis.
3. Synod sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with Devotions led by the Chaplain each morning with participation from all Conferences throughout the week.
4. Conferences are required to designate a location that allows all synodals to meet in the same space while also allowing for adequate personal space for Committee meetings.
5. Two Pre-Synod sessions will be held May 26 & June 16, where the Synod reports, procedural matters for the hosting of the 33rd Provincial Synod virtually, and other issues will be discussed.
6. The other officers of Synod – Vice Chairman and Assistance Secretary will be elected at the first pre-Synod meeting.
7. The Registration form for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be shared shortly.
8. The election of a Bishop has been added to the 33rd Provincial Synod agenda.

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





## Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 (6) 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 (3) 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 (3) 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, and rites involving the 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.

