



## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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### John 15:4-5

**Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** "With hearts and with voices" we praise our risen Lord today. We celebrate the love he has for us and the fellowship we have with him. Welcome to all and may the presence of God inspire our hearts for worship today.

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**WATCHWORD:** Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."  
*(John 15:4)*

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalms 30:4-5): *Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.*

Hymn 27 – “*O Worship the King*”

The Sixth Order of Public Worship (p. 30 – Liturgy Book)

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Hymn of Preparation: 499 – “*There Is A Place of Quiet Rest*”

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  582 – “*By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored*”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns:       158 – “*My Song Is Love Unknown*”  
  153 – “*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*”  
  162 – “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing



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## **Opening Hymn: 27 –**

**O worship the King;  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love;  
Our shield and defender,  
The ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
And girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
Deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old,  
Hath 'stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.**

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might,  
Ineffable love!  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall lisp to thy praise.



## THE SIXTH ORDER

*(Also for use in Advent, Lent, and before the Lord's Supper)*

### *All standing.*

Jesus said, 'I am the good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand'.

'I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

### *Hymn*

Let us pray:

***Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, and this is the word that we have from him:

‘The Lord our God, the Lord is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.’

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

‘And the second is like it, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Remain seated.*

*TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION*

**Thanks and praise,  
Thanks and praise,  
Thanks and praise be ever thine,  
That thy word to us is given,  
Teaching us, with power divine,  
That the Lord of earth and heaven,  
Everlasting life for us to gain,  
Once was slain, once was slain.**

*Christian Gottfried Clemens (1743-1815)*

*The readings with hymns or Te Deum.*

Let us pray:

*The Christ Litany*

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*Christ, hear us.*

By your human birth in likeness of sinful flesh,

*Make our bodies your holy temple;*

By your homely toil at the carpenter’s craft,

*Show us the worth and blessedness of labour;*

By your baptism with water and the Spirit,

*Grant us your spirit in the fellowship of your Church;*

By your victory in all temptation,

*Strengthen us for the daily fight with sin;*

By all the gracious words that proceeded out of your mouth,

***Make the fruit of our lips to glorify God;***

By your healing all manner of sickness,

***Send us to minister to those who suffer;***

By your feeding the multitude with bread,

***Make us mindful of the needs of the world;***

By your going about doing good,

***Show us the righteousness of heaven;***

By your being poor in the things of the earth,

***Make us rich towards God.***

*Remain seated.*

*TUNE: ST SIMON*

**O thou whose human life for us  
Did happiness obtain;  
Thou who, expiring on the cross,  
God's image didst regain;  
We bless thee for the gifts restored  
Through thy humanity;  
Beneath thy shadow, Son of Man,  
'Tis good thy child to be.**

*Frederick William Foster (1716-1835), alt.*

By your transfiguration on the mount,

***Show us the divine glory under the veil of flesh;***

By your royal entry into the holy city,

***Show us the peaceful glory of your reign;***

By your holy supper with your disciples,

***Keep us in fellowship with you and your people;***

By your agony in Gethsemane,

***Help us to say at all times, 'Your will be done;'***

By your sufferings and death on the cross,

***Show us the weight of the sin which you bore for us;***

By your rising again from death to glory,

***Lead us on to victory over sin and death;***

By your going before us into heaven,

***Prepare there a place even for us;***

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

***Abide with us always even unto the end of the world;***

By the blessed hope of your coming again,

***Keep us in watchfulness and prayer.***

***Remain seated.***

TUNE: DER SABBATH

O form us all, while we remain  
On earth, unto thy praise;  
That each one fully may attain  
Thy blessed aim through grace:  
Till we in heaven thy face shall see,  
May spirit, soul and body be  
Preserved by thee against that day  
Blameless, O Lord, we pray.

*Moravian Liturgy 1793, anon.*

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in your vast kingdom, who stand in need of your grace and help. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, together we may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*To Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn and benediction.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



### Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading:        John 15:1 – 8

- 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.



- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.



**Hymn of Preparation: 499 –**

There is a place of quiet rest,  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest,  
Near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee,  
Near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet,  
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
Near to the heart of God.



**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.



### MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation

*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.*

### The Lord's Supper I

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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**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.**



**With deep devotion  
 We in Christ's sufferings trace  
 The unfathomed ocean  
 Of his abounding grace;  
 He gave  
 Himself, our souls to save.**

**His body broken  
 Upon the shameful cross,  
 As he hath spoken,  
 Was given to death for us:  
 We feed  
 On everlasting bread.**

**The Lord draws near us,  
 Let us to meet him haste;  
 He comes to cheer us,  
 His flesh is our repast,  
 His blood  
 Our drink and highest good.**

**In sweet communion  
 With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
 And holy union  
 With all who love his name  
 May we  
 Abide continually.**



**By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,  
 We keep the memory adored,  
 And show the death of our dear Lord,  
 Until He come.**

**His body broken in our stead  
 We 'take and eat' – the living bread;  
 And thus, by faith, our souls are fed  
 Until He come.**

**The drops of His dread agony,  
His life blood shed for us, we see;  
The wine shall tell the mystery  
Until He come.**

**And thus that dark betrayal night  
With the last advent we unite  
By one blest chain of loving rite,  
Until He come.**

**O blessed hope! with this elate  
Let not our hearts be desolate,  
But, strong in faith, in patience wait  
Until He come.**



*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.*



My song is love unknown,  
 My Saviour's love to me;  
 Love to the loveless shown,  
 That they might lovely be.  
 O who am I, that for my sake  
 My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
 Salvation to bestow;  
 But men made strange, and none  
 The longed-for Christ would know:  
 But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
 Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
 And his sweet praises sing;  
 Resounding all the day  
 Hosannas to their King:  
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
 And for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine;  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like thine!  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend.



Jesus, the very thought of thee  
 With sweetness fills the breast;  
 But sweeter far thy face to see,  
 And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
 Nor can the memory find  
 A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
 O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
 O joy of all the meek!

**To those who fall, how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? ah, this  
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus – what it is,  
None but his loved ones know.**

**Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.**



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**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave:**

**Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**





*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 – 244**

**Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.**

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

**Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.**

**I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.**

**I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps  
And giveth me songs in the night.**



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

“With hearts and with voices” we praise our risen Lord today. We celebrate the love he has for us and the fellowship we have with him. Welcome to all and may the presence of God inspire our hearts for worship today.



Belated: *Esther Gilkes (28<sup>th</sup>)*

Today: *Kyler Watson*

Advanced: *Lawrence Walrond (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kelvin Carter (4<sup>th</sup>), (Tremaine Hinds (8<sup>th</sup>))*



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our Annual Church Council will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please let others know. Reports will be distributed next week.
2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is seeking to support our sisters and brothers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines who have been affected by the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano.
  - ✝ Based on the initial conversation and the changing dynamics, the suggestion is that we provide cash to purchase items such as food, water, and bedding to support the displaced peoples.
  - ✝ These items will be shipped from nearby islands (Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada) in coordinated efforts. Our partner in this effort is the Methodist Church which has two circuits in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
  - ✝ Here in Barbados we are invited to give towards the purchase of the above items. Our congregations are taking different approaches – some walk-up offerings, others are asking those who would give to place a marked envelope in the offering basket or to drop that envelope off at the church office or drop box as the case may be.
3. The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is “*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*” (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.
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.



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Divine Worship 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
- ✝ 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
- ✝ On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✝ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- ✝ Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.
- ✝ The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



## **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.**

