

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

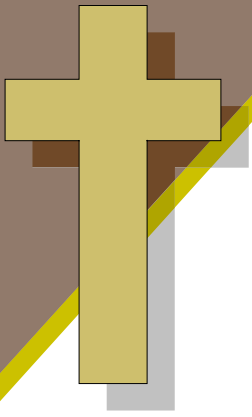
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**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

**9:30 a.m.**

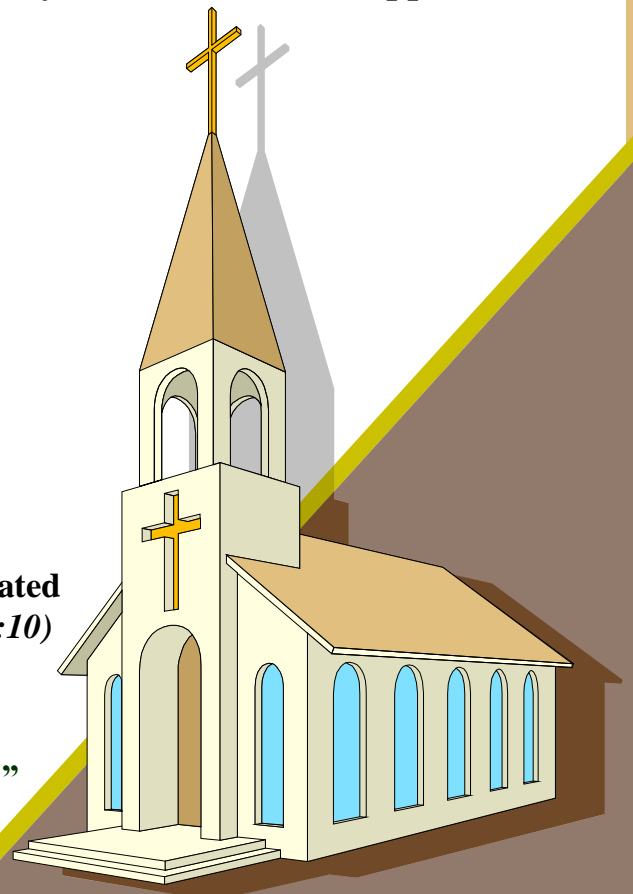
**Welcome:** A sincere welcome is extended to all – whether in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – on this Mother's Day as we celebrate and give God thanks for our mothers. May each and every woman worshipping with us today be assured of our appreciation of their maternal love and care. Welcome.

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

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

**WATCHWORD:** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! *(Revelation 7:10)*

**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 131: 5 – 6 & 9):

Leader: *Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on High, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?*

Congregation: *He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.*

Hymn 527 – *Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord*

Litany for Women & Mothers (p. 210 – Liturgy Book / Projected)

Hymn 652 – *“Faith of Our Mothers”*

Poem: *“A Mother’s Love”* – Sis. Yvonne Burrell

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Hymn of Preparation: 499 – *“There is a place of quiet rest”*

Sermon – – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 410 – *“God of Mercy, God of Grace”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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So In The Course Of Time  
Hannah Conceived And  
Gave Birth To A Son. She  
Named Him Samuel, Saying,  
“Because I Asked The Lord  
For Him.”  
1 Samuel 1:20

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**Hymn 527 –**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear:  
In Him no sin is found –  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight –  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace –  
No work too hard for Him.  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.



H A P P Y  
*Mother's Day*  
♥

## WOMEN AND MOTHERS

*All standing.*

Today, Lord God, we give thanks and praise for all women and mothers; all who have joined with you in the special task of co-creating.

***For them and their labours, we praise you.***

For all women who have yielded their bodies as vehicles and borne children and replenished your creation.

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For women who have nurtured and cared for other people's children and loved them as their own.

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For women who each day make personal sacrifices as they toil to provide for fatherless children.

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For women who have lost their lives while giving life to others.

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for all other Christian women who taught their children the faith and to walk in your fear.

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For women who have successfully served and excelled in their chosen careers and for those who have supported their efforts and lauded their achievements;

***We give you thanks, O Lord.***

For those women who have given of their best, whether with the family, the marketplace, the Church, or seats of leadership;

***Father in heaven, we thank you.***

Tune: Thank You Lord

**Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, thank you Lord.  
I just want to thank you; I just want to thank you;  
I just want to thank you Lord.**

*Traditional*

*All seated.*

We pray, O heavenly Father:

For mothers who have laboured with men to bring up their children in your faith and favour.

***Strengthen them O Lord.***

For women and mothers who teach our children in the classrooms of life.

***Strengthen them O Lord.***

For those who are frustrated with demands and responsibilities of nurturing young lives.

***Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.***

For those who feel broken and bruised by the pressures of this life.

***Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.***

*All Women:*

***Loving God, you created us for yourself. Forgive us where we have taken lightly the tasks of motherhood and the blessings of womanhood.***

***For those who have not given love and care to others in need;***

***For those who have not lived out their faith so that others can see;***

***For those who have failed to be who you call us to be, we seek forgiveness, Lord.***

***Help us to see that you desire to fill us with yourself and make us whole.***

Tune: Fill My Cup

**Like the woman at the well, I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy;  
And then I heard my Saviour speaking:  
‘Draw from my well that never shall run dry.’**

***Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more –  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!***

*Richard E. Blanchard (1925 – 2004)*

Lord, we pray for women who are victims of war and poverty and for those who are raped and brutalized daily.

***Speak your peace, Lord, to the troubled sea of their lives and change their course.  
Speak your courage and your power that they may rise up and change the course  
of their lives.***

Lord, we pray for women and mothers who struggle to make ends meet and have nothing to set before their children. We lift up before you women and others who live in situations of domestic violence; those who feel small and worthless to change their situation; those who feel ashamed and endure their pain in silence. Lord, hear our prayer.

***And let our cry come unto you.***

Loving Lord, we think of those women, who as mothers, have suffered the loss of children. We remember especially the children who have died in their youth and infancy. We are confident, good Lord, that you have taken them into your everlasting arms. Help us to not forget the women who are mothers of unborn children – pregnancies which have been

miscarried or aborted. We also lift before you women who patiently await the joys of motherhood and those who have not had that privilege.

*Give your grace and strength, merciful Lord.*

*Lord, we thank you for all women and for our mothers. We are grateful for the sacrifice they have made. We thank you too for the Christian example they have set by raising those entrusted to their care in the house of God. Forgive us where we have neglected to express our love and gratitude to those women whose lives have impacted ours. Lead us to honour and respect our mothers and the women in our lives.*

May Almighty God bless all women and mothers. May Jesus Christ empower them to do His will. And, may the Holy Spirit lead them into all truth, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



### Hymn 652 –

Faith of our mothers, living still,  
First known in mother's tender care  
And still guiding us in life's way  
In spite of strife and worldly cares.

*Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death*

Faith of our mothers, well infused  
By prayer, by word, and faithful life.  
Thus o'er the years our hearts were shaped  
And shown our heavenly father's love.

Faith of our mothers, you have kept  
Our spirits bright in life's dark hour.  
And through the grinding storms of life,  
Your truth has been our hope and power.

Faith of our mothers, holy faith;  
That binds our souls to God's good grace.  
So may His perfect cleansing lead  
To justice, truth, a saintlier race.



**Poem: “A Mother's Love” – Sis. Yvonne Burrell**



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Presentation of Roses to Mothers



**Solo – “Perhaps Love” – Bro. David Greenidge**



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 13 – 20 – Sis. Joan Taylor**

13. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
14. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
15. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.
16. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.
17. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
18. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.
19. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.

20. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.



**Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 62: 5 – 12 – Sis. Eula Gibbs**

5. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.
6. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.
7. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
8. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.
9. Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.
10. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.
12. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.



**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 – – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch***



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Hymn 410 –**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.



**The Benediction**



**Organ Postlude**



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Today: Tremaine Hinds

Advanced: Tiffany Chase & Wendy Davis (10<sup>th</sup>), Lucine Baker (13<sup>th</sup>),  
Gwendolyn Brewster & Gabrielle Cumberbatch (14<sup>th</sup>)



*Congratulations to Bro. Luther & Sis. Candace Barker who are celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2022; Bro. Dennis & Sis. Julia Depeiza who will celebrate their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 13, 2022; Bro. Martin & Sis. Sophia Codrington who will celebrate their 18<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 15, 2022.*

### 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.

† 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.

† Meeting of the Board of Stewards – 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: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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



## 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. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
  - ✠ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to consecrate the Rev. Nevin Lewis to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago.
  - ✠ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to ordain Supplementary Pastor Judy Winspeare-Philip to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The ordination service takes place on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.
  - ✠ Please pray for Bro. Nevin Lewis and Sis. Winspeare-Philip and their families as they embrace the call of God on their lives and pledge continued service.
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.

