



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*Harvest Festival*

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Today is a day of thanksgiving, and we pray that God will bless us to the overflowing during this time of worship. "May Jesus Christ be praised!" Welcome to all, including those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome.

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD:** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  
*(Matthew 25:13)*

**Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."**



# ORDER OF SERVICE



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**Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what's happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.**



## HARVEST

*All standing*

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim His greatness, tell the world what He has done for us daily.

*We will sing praises to the Lord as we worship today.*

O give thanks to the God of gods.

*For his mercy endures forever.*

Praise God; sing praises to Him always.

*Our God deserves our praise, we will adore, worship and give Him thanks today.*

**Tune: NIAGARA – # 449**

**Yes, God is good; in earth and sky,  
From ocean depths and spreading wood,  
Ten thousand voices ever cry,  
God made us all, and God is good.'**

**Yes, God is good, all nature says,  
By God's own hand with speech endued;  
And man, in louder notes of praise,  
Should sing for joy that God is good**

**For all thy gifts we bless thee, Lord,  
But chiefly for our heavenly food,  
Thy pardoning grace, thy quickening word;  
These prompt our song, that God is good.**

*John H. Gurney (1802 – 1862)*

In the beginning when the earth was formless and void

*God created the heavens and the earth.*

Creator God, you said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruits after their own kind with seed in them, on the earth."

*And it was so.*

**Let us pray:**

God of creation, for our world we are thankful.

*You have made a varied yet beautiful world.*

For the beauty of the world and the glory of the skies;

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.*

For the mountains which stand in grandeur;  
For the running streams which refresh the valleys;  
For the trees and grass which protect our environment;

*God of splendour, may we daily appreciate your created beauty.*

For the peculiar beauty of our Caribbean lands and their peoples;  
For miles of inviting beaches;  
For the warmth and beauty of the sunshine;

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise.*

For the tropical birds, decorative shrubs and trees;  
For the flowers that give testimony to the glory of God;  
For the numerous fruits that bedeck the landscape – citrus, mangoes, pears, bananas, to name just a few;

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.*

**Tune: LUCERNA LAUDONIAE – # 459**

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

**For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light,**

*Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835 – 1917)*

For each day that you lend us life;  
For the love and care of family and friends;  
For food, shelter, and clothing;

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.*

For darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep after the taxing activities of the day;  
For the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars.

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.*

For healthy bodies;  
For strong limbs that till the soil and haul fish from the sea;  
For other activities vital to our sustenance;

For sun, wind and rain which produce plant and animal life.

*We give you thanks, O God.*

For all who work to preserve the environment;

For those who work to manufacture food;

For those who invest in agricultural pursuits;

*We give you thanks, O God.*

Lord of the harvest, we gather to give thanks and praise to you for the countless blessings from your bountiful store of grace. Be pleased to accept and bless these gifts we have placed before you today. On this day of worship, rejoicing and thanksgiving, we pray you to accept our gifts of food and money; our lives and talents. May we ever be reminded that everything comes from you and all things are yours. Pardon our poor and indifferent use of the world and your countless gifts to us.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Together we confess our sins before God:

*God of forgiveness, we confess that we have not been good to each other and have not loved as you have commanded. Give us again a heart of love, not only for each other within the family of God but especially for the lost. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us so that at your coming, we may receive our crown of righteousness, in the name of Jesus we pray.*

*Amen*

Gracious God, we receive with gladness your forgiveness and we thank you for your grace at work among us. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we go from here with renewed zeal to harvest souls for your Kingdom. As we do so, implant within our lives seeds of hope, peace and gratitude; in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Tune:** (# 630 in the Tune Supplement Book)

**With thankful harvest song, Lord,  
We lift our hearts to thee,  
As in thy holy house we meet,  
Where oft we bend the knee.  
For fruits and flowers we praise thee,  
For mind and body fed;  
For crimson dawns, for sunsets,  
And for our daily bread.  
  
Bless the Lord for beauty,  
And abundant food.  
Lift your hearts in thanks to him  
And sing, 'The Lord is good'.**

Thou great and holy Giver,  
With all thy gifts, we pray  
Endue us with thy heavenly grace,  
To walk the narrow way.  
Thy meekness, lowly Jesus  
To our proud hearts be given;  
And while we journey onward  
O make us fit for heaven.

*Lena Kent d. 1961*



### Recitations



### Song of Praise by the Women's Fellowship



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*Today: Charlene Ellis*

*Advanced: Ricardo Gibbs & Ahmir Worrell (9<sup>th</sup>), Ione Drakes, Rachelle Jean-Marie & Marita Walrond (10<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Waithe (11<sup>th</sup>), Linda Bryan-Carrington (12<sup>th</sup>), Albertha Osbourne (13<sup>th</sup>), Aliyah Smith-Boucher, Alyssa Smith-Boucher & Denise Grant (14<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Kelvin & Sis. Hazel Carter who will celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 12, 2020.*



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Today: Divine Worship & Harvest Festival – 9:30 a.m.

✝ With our nation we give thanks for and hold in remembrance the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for freedom in the two World Wars.

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)

Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.  
Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



### **ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020:**

- ✠ Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. All of our groups are invited to be involved by decorating at least one window with flowers, food and the like, according to a theme of their choosing; and by rendering an item during the service. Harvest items will be on sale in the D. C. Moore Centre. Soup will be offered for sale, to keep you until lunch.
- ✠ Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ Rev. Parris on Vacation – 9<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- ✠ Chief Elder Festival – On November 13, 1741 the announcement was made to all Moravian congregations that Christ is the Chief Elder of the Church.
- ✠ Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- ✠ Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- ✠ Independence CouCou Day – Saturday, 28th, D. C. Moore Centre, 11:30 am – 3:00 p.m.



### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. We say “Thank you” to those who supported our Missionary Festival held on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Rev Dr Mikie Roberts, Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and for Faith and Order at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland delivered the Sermon with the theme, *Tell Just One*. To date, we have raised \$13,261.45 towards our target of \$18,000. We commend the groups and individuals who contributed to the effort in any way.
2. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!
  - ✠ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for Whitsuntide Weekend 2021 – May 22-24.
  - ✠ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.
3. 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.
4. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
  5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
  6. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).
  7. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route on Sundays. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



**PRAYER NEEDS:**



**Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.*

**The Sick / Recovering:** *Sis Eula Gibbs & Bro Sydney Gibson (QEH).*



**Blessing of Tithes & Offerings**





## Adoration In Songs & Choruses



### Ministry of the Word

#### First Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 3:1 – 6, 17 – 19

- 1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.
- 2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
- 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
- 4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.
- 5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.
- 6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.
- 17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:
- 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.



#### Second Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3 – 9

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.



**Choir Anthem**



**Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Hymn 634 –**

**Come, ye thankful people, come  
 Raise the song of harvest-home;  
 All is safely gathered in,  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our Maker doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied;  
 Come to God's own temple, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest home!**

**All the world is God's own field,  
 Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
 Wheat and tares together sown,  
 Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
 First the blade, and then the ear,  
 Then the full corn shall appear;  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we  
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,**

And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
Bring thy final harvest-home;  
Gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified,  
In thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home.



## Benediction



## AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – 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– 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
- 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 – 2020

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.

