

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

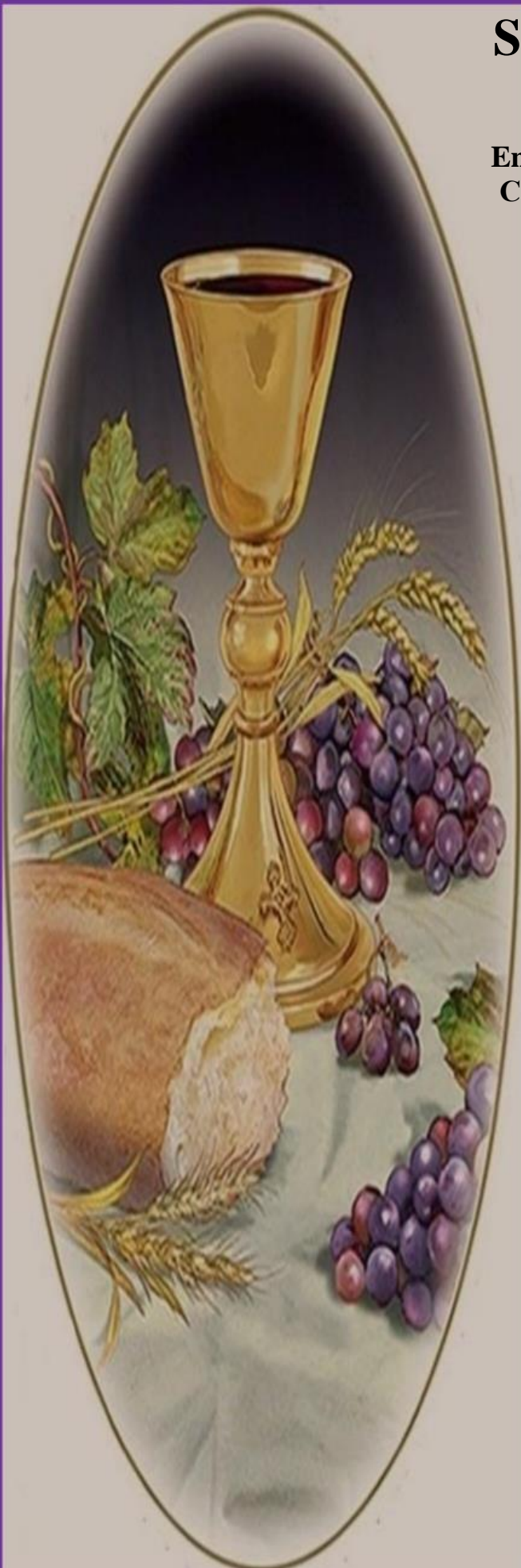
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The greatest among  
you must be a servant.  
But those who exalt  
themselves will be  
humbled, and those  
who humble  
themselves will be  
exalted.  
Matthew 23:11-12

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever. Welcome to this time  
of worship and thanksgiving, whether you are here in  
the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream.  
With the saints of God everywhere, let us use our lips  
and our lives to glorify God. Welcome.*

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris  
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*Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince*

**WATCHWORD:** O send out your light and your  
truth; let them lead me. *(Psalm 43:3)*

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

*“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our  
Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 107: 1 – 2, 9)

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**C:** *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble; For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Litany: In Memory of Martyrs and Saints p. 159, Liturgy Book / projected  
Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9, 10).*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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## IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS AND SAINTS

*All standing*

Tune: BEDFORD – # 473

Glory to God whose witness train,  
Those heroes bold in faith,  
Could smile on poverty and pain,  
And triumph e’en in death.

God whom we serve, our God can save,  
Can damp the scorching flame,  
Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,  
For such as love his name.

Lord, if thine arm support us still  
With its eternal strength,  
We shall o’ercome the mightiest ill,  
And conquerors prove at length.

*Nicolaus L v. Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)*

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

***And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"***

These are they of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake. They were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. These are they that came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

***That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple.***

They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.

***And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.***

**Tune: SINE NOMINE – # 351**

For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight:  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***William W. How (1823 – 1897)***

***All seated.***

**Let us pray:**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we offer unto thee our hearty thanks and praise, for the holy lives of all thy servants, the prophets, apostles and martyrs, who have shone forth as lights in the world, and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank thee for the blessed communion of all thy saints in glory.

We remember before thee all who have departed this life in the true faith, and especially those most dear to us. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, our abiding hope, and the promise of future joy.

Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we, with patience, run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; and obtain an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All standing.*

**Tune: LANCASHIRE – # 573**

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
And all the sacred throng  
Who wear the spotless raiment,  
Who raise the ceaseless song;  
For those passed on before us,  
Saviour, we thee adore,  
And walking in their footsteps,  
Would serve thee more and more.

*Horatio Nelson (1823 – 1913)*

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,

***For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.***

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

***No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?***

This is the message from the one who is the Amen--the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.***

**Tune: ALFORD – # 352**

Ten thousand times ten thousand,  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints  
Throng up the steeps of light!  
'Tis finished, all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin;



Fling open wide the golden gates  
And let the victors in!

Bring near thy great salvation,  
Thou Lamb for sinners slain!  
Fill up the roll of thine elect;  
Then take thy power, and reign!  
Appear, desire of nations;  
Thine exiles long for home,  
Show in the heavens thy promised sign:  
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

*Henry Alford (1810 – 1871)*



## **WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Sentence:**     *Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9, 10).*

### **Offertory Hymn: 208 –**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## Offertory Doxology:

### *Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks*

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



## Welcome, Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration In Songs & Choruses



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

### 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13

9. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.
10. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:
11. As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,
12. That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
13. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men,

but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.



**Second Scripture Reading:            Matthew 23: 1 – 12**

1. Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
2. Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
3. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
4. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
5. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
7. And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
9. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
10. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
11. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.



**Choir Anthem    –            “What Are These?”**



**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**





## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 317 –

Who is on the Lord's side?  
Who will serve the King?  
Who will be his helpers,  
Other lives to bring?  
Who will leave the world's side  
Who will face the foe?  
Who is on the Lord's side?  
Who for him will go?  
By thy call of mercy,  
By thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side;  
Saviour, we are thine!

Not for weight of glory,  
Not for crown and palm,  
Enter we the army,  
Raise the warrior psalm;  
But for love that claimeth  
Lives for whom he died:  
He whom Jesus nameth  
Must be on his side.  
By thy love constraining,  
By thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side;  
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,  
Not with gold or gem,  
But with thine own life-blood,  
For thy diadem;  
With thy blessing filling  
Each who comes to thee,  
Thou hast made us willing,  
Thou hast made us free.  
By thy grand redemption,  
By thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side  
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,  
Strong may be the foe,  
But the King's own army  
None can overthrow;  
Round his standard ranging,  
Victory is secure;  
For his truth unchanging  
Makes the triumph sure.  
Master, thou wilt keep us,  
By thy grace divine,  
Always on the Lord's side;  
Saviour, always thine!



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.*  
*Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.*  
*Amen.*

*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



*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.*



### Hymn 154 –

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good  
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.



## Hymn 576 –

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.



## Hymn 201 –

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,  
Trusting only thee,  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee for ever,  
And for all.



***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.***





## Hymn 203 –

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
How he left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me,  
Back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
But his presence still is with me;  
By his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then he'll bear me safely over,  
Made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.



## Hymn 202 –

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.



### Hymn 155 –

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266**

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

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

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

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

O Father, give our hearts this peace,  
Whate'er the outward be,

Till all life's discipline shall cease,  
And we go home to thee.



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 – 599

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;  
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,

And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
He is our chief object by day and by night;  
This knits us together, no longer we roam,  
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



### *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**

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.  
Welcome to this time of worship and thanksgiving, whether you are here in the  
sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream. With the saints of God  
everywhere, let us use our lips and our lives to glorify God. Welcome.*



*Today: Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls*

*Advanced: Coral Holder & Michelle Reece-Herbert (6<sup>th</sup>), Charlene Ellis (8<sup>th</sup>), Ricardo Gibbs & Ahmir Worrell (9<sup>th</sup>), Rachelle Jean-Marie & Marita Walrond (10<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Waithe & Calvison Maynard (11<sup>th</sup>)*

### **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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ This Week:
- ✝ Office Hours for the Pastorate – 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 – First & Third Tuesdays: In the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.
- ✝ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ Thursday: Adult Church Membership Class online at 6:00 p.m.
- ✝ Saturday: Flower Festival Opening Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ NEXT SUNDAY: Harvest & Flower Festival
  - ✝ Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.
  - ✝ Harvest & Flower Festival Concert at 4:00 p.m.



### Activities in the Month of November 2023:

- ✝ Harvest & Flower Festival at Sharon – Saturday 11th & Sunday, 12th
  - ✝ Saturday, November 11th
    - 10.00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony and early viewing of the displays.
    - 12.00 Noon – 7.00 p.m. – Public viewing, along with refreshments and variety stalls on the compound.
  - ✝ Sunday, November 12th
    - 9.30 a.m. – Harvest Festival. Sale of most of the ground provisions, pastries, and the like after worship.
    - 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. – Public viewing
    - 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. – Concert
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Tuesday, 14th
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 19th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 19th, 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Rev. Ince on Vacation – 1st – 28th
- ✝ Rev. Parris on Vacation – 20th – 30th





## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- 1. Sharon's Harvest celebration this year will be coupled with our Flower Festival 2023; these are scheduled for the weekend of November 11th & 12th 2023.**
  - ✝ Members and friends are invited to present harvest gifts as usual and to do so by the evening of Friday, November 10th. Harvest items will be made available for sale, the morning of November 12th in the D. C. Moore Hall.**
  - ✝ The theme for the Flower Festival is "Rebirth". Thanks to all who have sponsored locations so far. Feel free to contact Sis. Heather Hunte or Sis. Joy Best for more information.**
  - ✝ The Flower Festival concludes with a concert on the Sunday evening. Your ticket will allow you to attend the concert and view the arrangements.**
- 2. The Provincial Board announces that:**
  - ✝ Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer has been requested to consecrate the Rev. Liselle Roberts to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago. Please pray for Sis. Liselle Roberts as she continues steadfast in the call of God and the ministry of the Moravian Church.**
- 3. Thanks to all who supported our Missionary Festival. We have collected so far, \$10,030.10 on our way to our target of \$13,000 for 2023. If you have not made your contribution as yet or returned your collection box, you can still do so. Direct contributions can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.**
- 4. February 10, 2024, will be Sharon's 225th Anniversary of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. Once the Kingdom does not come, the historic point should not pass without a celebration. As the Anniversary Committee makes preparations, we invite members and friends to submit designs of a logo for the celebration. Submissions should be forwarded to the Church Office by November 3, 2023.**
- 5. The Super Moravian T10 Cricket Competition previously scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023 has been cancelled.**
- 6. We are thankful for your financial support.**

- ✠ We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - ✠ You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - ✠ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- ✠ Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
  - ✠ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
  - ✠ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
  - ✠ You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)
8. Sharon’s Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40a.m.), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), First Ave. Jackson (8:55), Lodge Hill (9:00), Sharon (9:15). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Lelia Gibbs*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for the family of the late Sis. Anita Lowe on her passing.*
4. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
5. World Peace



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25
- ✠ Offering Envelopes for 2023 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✠ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✠ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✠ Books:
  - 📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- ✠ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



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## Rebirth

A Flower and Harvest Festival

November 11-12, 2023

Sharon Moravian Church  
Sharon, St. Thomas

### Saturday

12 - 7 p.m.

\$25

Flower Festival

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Variety Sale

### Sunday

3 - 7 p.m.

\$25

Concert from 4-5 p.m.

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Flower Festival







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## 2023 CALENDAR

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

### JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

01 - New Year's Day  
06 - Epiphany

### MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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18 - Ascension Day  
26 - Pentecost

### SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence  
24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses

### FEBRUARY

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07 - Grenada's Independence  
22 - Ash Wednesday

### JUNE

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04 - Trinity Sunday

### OCTOBER

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31 - Reformation Day

### MARCH

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

### JULY

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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day

### NOVEMBER

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

### ARRIL

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07 - Good Friday  
09 - Easter Sunday

### AUGUST

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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence

### DECEMBER

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25 - Christmas Day

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457.

Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun-day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education.

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.

Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut, 1722.  
Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hux, 1415.

Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.

Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707.  
Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant with God and with one another.

Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)  
Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732