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Sunday, October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord." Welcome, as we celebrate our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ on this World Communion Sunday. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. May the love of God overflow in our hearts, that we pursue and find the fellowship to which we are called in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

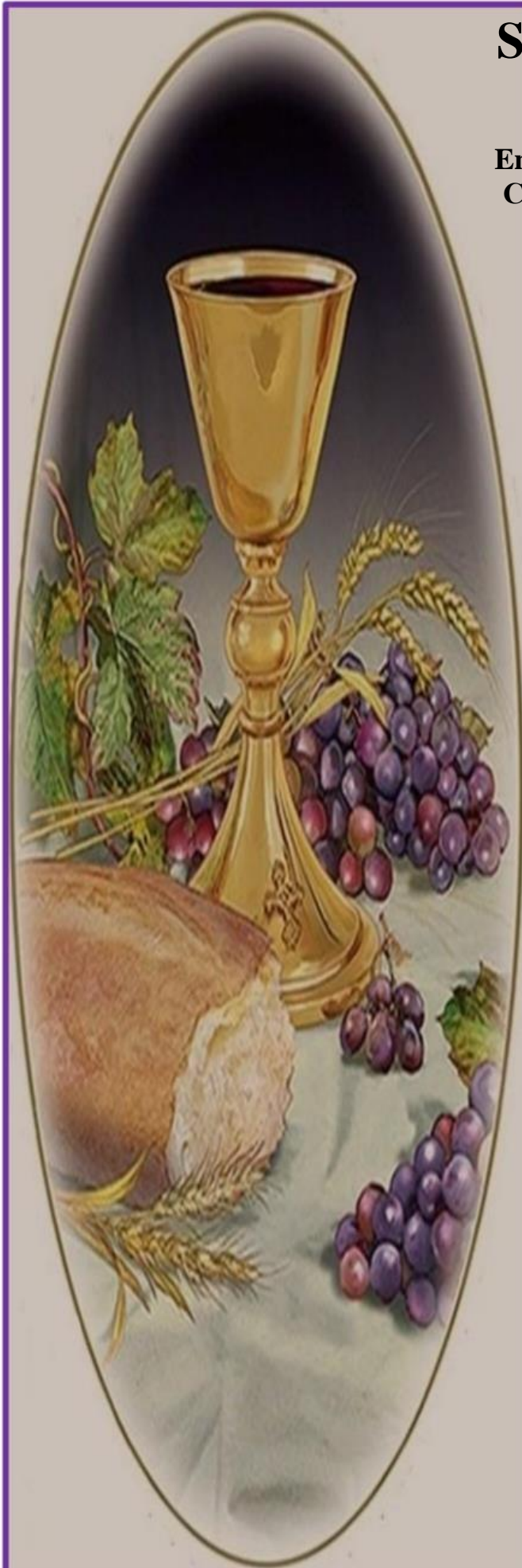
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Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

WATCHWORD: Let the same mind be in you that was Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 2:5)*

Provincial Theme 2023:

"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Sharon Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 145:1, 2)

L: I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

C: *Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

Hymn of Praise: 462 – “Praise the King of Glory”

Litany for Christian Unity (Projected)

Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (1 Chron. 16:29)

Offertory Hymn: 162 – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

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Consecration of the Wine

**Distribution Hymns: 191 – “I’ve Found A Friend”
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The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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Hymn of Praise: 462 –

Praise the King of Glory, He is God alone;
Praise Him for the wonders He to us hath shown;
For His promised presence, All the pilgrim way,
For the flaming pillar, And the cloud by day.

*Praise Him shining angels, strike your harps of gold,
All His hosts adore Him, who His face behold;
Through His great dominion, while the ages roll,
All His works shall praise Him, All His works shall praise Him,
All His works shall praise Him; Bless the Lord, my soul!*

Praise Him for redemption, free to every soul;
Praise Him for the Fountain That can make us whole;
For His gifts of kindness and His loving care,
For the blest assurance, that He answers prayer.

Praise Him for the trials, sent as chords of love,
Binding us more closely to the things above;

For the faith that conquers, hope, that naught can dim,
For the land where loved ones, gather unto Him.



CHRISTIAN UNITY

(Standing)

Leader: Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

All: *By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.*

Leader: By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

All: *We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.*

Leader: We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

All: *We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.*

Tune: DUKE STREET (22Q) – # 26

Lord of all being, throned afar,
Your glory flames from sun and star;
Centre and soul of ev'ry sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before your ever blazing throne
We ask no luster of our own.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Leader: We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

All: *Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. And we have left undone those deeds of loving-kindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.*

Tune: BEECHER – # 273

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

Leader: We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

All: *We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.*

Leader: Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

All: *Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.*

Leader: Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

All: *Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.*

Leader: Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

All: *Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.*

Leader: Teach us to know and love the worldwide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions

and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

All: *Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(The liturgist offers prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

All: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
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Leader: Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

All: *Hear us and help us all, we pray.*

Leader: May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

All: *Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.*

(Standing)

Tune: (GAUDEAMUS PAPITER) Ave Virgo – # 17

**Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;
for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.**

**Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.**

**One the name in which we pray, one our Saviour day by day;
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov'nant way we tread.**

**One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.**

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WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (1 Chron. 16:29)*

Offertory Hymn: 162 –

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.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (repeat)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (repeat)*



Welcome, Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2: 1 – 13

1. If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
2. Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
3. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
4. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
12. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
13. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 23 – 32

23. And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?
24. And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
26. But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
27. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.
28. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.
29. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
30. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.
31. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.



Choir Anthem – “One Bread, One Body”



Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



Hymn of Response: 215 –

We have not known thee as we ought,
Nor learned thy wisdom, grace and power;
The things of earth have filled our thought,
And trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,
And make us wise in knowing thee.

We have not feared thee as we ought,
Nor bowed beneath thy awful eye,
Nor guarded deed and word and thought,
Remembering that our God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,
And grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought,
And feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
To feel and own the love thou art.

We have not served thee as we ought;
Alas, the duties left undone,
The work with little fervour wrought,
The battles lost or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,
For thee to toil, for thee to fight.

When shall we know thee as we ought,
And fear and love, and serve aright?
When shall we, out of trial brought,
Be perfect in the land of light?
Lord, may we day by day prepare
To see thy face, and serve thee there.



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 339 –

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANTS

The reception of persons from the communicant membership of some other branch of the Christian Church takes place at a service of public worship, normally at the beginning of the Communion Service.

Dearly beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, we welcome **WILFRED WILLIAM WHITEHALL** who *has* already made a profession of faith in Christ and *has* been received into full communion with the Church, and now *wishes* to become *a member* of this congregation.

Naming the individuals, the minister says:

WILFRED WHITEHALL do you reaffirm your faith in Christ and wish to worship and serve him in this congregation?

Answer: **I do.**

All: We rejoice to welcome and receive you into this congregation. May the blessing of God rest on all of us in our fellowship and service; may we help and enrich one another in love; may we live together in the spirit befitting the company of Christ's people, bearing witness to the strength and purpose of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.

The minister and others so appointed give the right hand of fellowship to the new member during the singing of these verses.

TUNE: GÖRLITZ –

**Here in the name of Christ our Lord,
The Church's Head by all adored,
With Christian love and purpose true,
This Church in faith embraces you.**

**We welcome you among us here,
With joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love,**

And pray God's blessing from above.

**The God of peace you sanctify
And bless you richly from on high,
That spirit, soul and body may
Reflect God's presence every day.**

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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 560 –

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, ransom 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.



Hymn 557 –

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.
Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek,
That from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Then share with us in love divine,
Thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.



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.



I've found a friend; O such a friend!
 He loved me ere I knew him;
 He drew me with the cords of love,
 And thus he bound me to him;
 And round my heart still closely twine
 Those ties which naught can sever,
 For I am his, and he is mine,
 Forever and forever.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
 He bled, he died to save me;
 And not alone the gift of life,
 But his own self he gave me.
 Nought that I have mine own I call,
 I'll hold it for the giver;
 My heart, my strength, my life, my all
 Are his, and his forever.

I've found a friend, O such a friend!
 So kind, and true, and tender!
 So wise a counselor and guide,
 So mighty a defender!
 From him who loves me now so well
 What power my soul shall sever?
 Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
 No! I am his for ever.



I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
 Should set his love upon the sons of men,
 Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
 To bring them back, they know not how or when.
 But this I know, that he was born of Mary
 When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
 And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 As with his peace he graced this place of tears,

Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!



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 – 248

Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die,
Redeemed, an ol' Satan was standin' by,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown',
Redeemed, on a broad road, darkness-bound,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

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Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!



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 – 447

What brought us together, what joined 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

“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.” Welcome, as we celebrate our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ on this World Communion Sunday. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. May the love of God overflow in our hearts, that we pursue and find the fellowship to which we are called in Christ Jesus.



Today: *Carmen Gill & Ismay Nowell*

Advanced: *Leslie Roberts (Sharon), Kaylia Doughty & Kenya Ellis (Dunscombe) (2nd), Theresa Alleyne & Velma Sealy (3rd), Davonte Brathwaite (4th), Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6th), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7th)*

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: World Communion Sunday – Joint Service with Dunscombe
 - ✠ 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).

SHARON

- ✠ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Saturday: Meeting of the 225th Anniversary Committee at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

† NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.

DUNSCOMBE

† Monday: Youth Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

† Tuesday: Women's Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

† NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship – 8:00 a.m.

† Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



Conference Activities in the month of October 2023 – Women's Fellowship Month

† Women's Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:

- Moravian Voice (Fulnec) – Thursday, 5th, 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 7th, 2:00 p.m. at Grace Hill
- Moravian Voice (Faith) – Thursday, 12th
- Exhibition – Saturday, 14th, 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. Duncan C Moore Centre (Sharon)
- Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 15th
- Quiz – Monday 16th, 7:00 p.m. online
- Moravian Voice (Bethlehem) – Thursday, 19th
- Candlelight Service – Sunday 22nd, 4:30 p.m. at Bethlehem
- Moravian Voice (Dunscombe) – Thursday, 26th

† Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 8th, 8:00 a.m.

† Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 22nd, 9:30 a.m.

† Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 22nd, 9:30 a.m.

† The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 28th, 6:00 am.

Please bear in mind that we will soon be celebrating our Harvest & Flower Festival in November.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. 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).**
- 2. The Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union has a vacancy for an Office Assistant. The ideal candidate should have general Accounting / Book Keeping experience and knowledge in the use of Microsoft Excel and Word. The person should be a team player and possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Interested persons should send their applications and Curriculum Vitae by Wednesday, October 25, 2023 to:**

**The Secretary
Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union
DC Moore Centre
Sharon
St. Thomas BB22136**

At email address: morcu@carisurf.com

- 3. Sharon's Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year. Dunscombe's Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2022 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$6,000 this year. You are reminded of your Missionary Envelopes and your Missionary Collection Boxes. Direct contribution 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. 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*". It's now the month of September, and all those who offered to sponsor a location for the Flower Festival are invited to submit their contributions no later than October 1, 2023. Remember, locations are \$350, \$450 and upwards. For those still interested, there are a few locations left, but you need to indicate quickly. Your timely response allows us to order the flowers and pay for them so that we can have another wonderful Flower Festival. Thanks to

all who have sponsored locations so far. Windows, columns and other locations are available for sponsorship. You may sponsor as an individual, a group, in memory of, etc. Feel free to contact Sis. Heather Hunte or Sis. Joy Best to indicate your desire.

5. 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. An Anniversary Committee is in place to make plans for and to lead the celebration. We invite suggestions and volunteers to be engaged in the planning.
6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✚ Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on October 1, 2023. For this Provincial Day of Prayer, let us focus our prayers on missions. Many congregations will host their annual missionary service and lovefeast at this time of year. During our morning worship and other personal times of prayer, let us intentionally pray for existing missional efforts locally, Provincially, and throughout the Unity. Let us specifically remember the ministry of the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home in Antigua and the work in Grenada. Please also pray for the work in Haiti and Cuba. In the wider Unity let us pray for the work in Asia, Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru as these ministries take root. Let us also pray for the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre, Ramallah, Jerusalem. Let us pray that God will give us eyes for the mission of God in the world.
 - ✚ Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Anique Elmes Matthew on her recent graduation from Omega Graduate School (OGS) with a Doctor of Social Leadership (DSL), September 23, 2023, Summa Cum Laude. Her Action Research Project: The Role of Church Leaders in Advancing Church Growth. Sis. Elmes-Matthew received the Chancellor's Honour Award, given in recognition of the documentation of a faithful ministry, the resolve to teach others, and the recognition of quality research with the potential to advance the Christian faith. This is Sis. Elmes-Matthew's second doctoral degree from OGS.
 - ✚ The Provincial Board and the Provincial Family extends condolences to Sis. Kirsten Petty, Treasurer of the St. Kitts Conference, on the passing of her mother, Vanderlyn Petty. Sis. Vanderlyn, a stalwart of the Moravian community in St. Kitts passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Please keep the immediate family and church community in our prayers. Funeral details will be shared in a subsequent announcement.
7. 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 for these details.

8. 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/) 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

9. Sharon’s Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40 a.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: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: *Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess*
3. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
4. 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.
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes 2023** – 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.**



Sharon Moravian Church

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presents

Rebirth

A Flower and Harvest Festival

November 11-12, 2023

Sharon Moravian Church
Sharon, St. Thomas

Saturday

12 - 7 p.m.

\$25

Flower Festival
...
Variety Sale

Sunday

3 - 7 p.m.

\$25

Concert from 4-5 p.m.
...
Flower Festival



The Barbados Moravian Church
Conference



TAPEBALL
CRICKET
TOURNAMENT

November 30th, 2023

10:00a.m-6:00pm

HARRISON COLLEGE GROUNDS

GAME ENTRY FEE \$10 PER PLAYER

Register with eleven per side. Don't have enough players?

Bring a six per side, a masters team, or female team.

Invite your friends and family and let us have some fun.

Admission is free and refreshments are on sale.



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TRINITY MORAVIAN

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2023 CALENDAR

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

JANUARY

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			01 - New Year's Day	05 - Epiphany		

FEBRUARY

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			07 - Grenada's Independence	22 - Ash Wednesday		

MARCH

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			05 - Unity Sunday	13 - Theological Education Sunday	31 - USVI Transfer Day	

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			07 - Good Friday	09 - Easter-Sunday		

MAY

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			18 - Ascension Day	28 - Pentecost		

JUNE

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AUGUST

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			31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence			

SEPTEMBER

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			19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence	24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses		

OCTOBER

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			31 - Reformation Day			

NOVEMBER

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			01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence	13 - Chief Elder Festival	30 - Barbados Independence	

DECEMBER

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			25 - Christmas Day			

MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

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 Hus, 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