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## World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). Welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our loving concern for each other and our unity, be our expression of worship today.*

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**WATCHWORD:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.  
*(Psalm 37:5)*

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4):

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

Congregation: *All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name.*

Opening Hymn: 495 – “O Praise Ye the Lord!”

Litany: CHRISTIAN UNITY (Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.” (Proverbs 3:9).*

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

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings & Celebrations

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Adoration in Song:

✝ “I Am A Warrior”

✝ “I’m Trading My Sorrows”

✝ “There Is A Sweet Anointing In This Sanctuary”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1 – 14

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5 – 10

Choir Anthem (Sharon & Dunscombe) – “Behold the Lamb”

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 284 – “O Thou, Who Camest From Above”

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HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

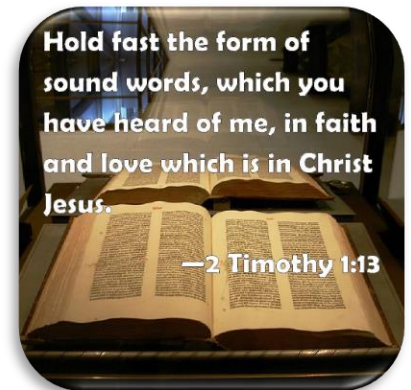
Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 154 – “Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts”

560 – “Come Take By Faith”

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Consecration of the Wine



Distribution Hymns: 557 – *“Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh And Bless”*

730 – *“I Cannot Tell Why”*

162 – *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 244 – *“Redeemed, How I love to Proclaim It”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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## Hymn 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in his word,  
Ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens, adore him  
By whom ye were made,  
And worship before him  
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord,  
Ye sons of new birth;  
Praise him who hath brought you  
His grace from above,  
Praise him who hath taught you  
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord  
Re-echo around;  
Loud organs, his glory  
Forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story  
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
To him be outpoured  
All ages along:  
For love in creation,  
For heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!



## 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.***

**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.*

**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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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

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.**

*From the Moravian Book of Worship, North American Provinces*



## **WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.” (Proverbs 3:9).*

**Offertory Hymn: 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.



## 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.*



### Greetings & Celebrations



### Notices



### Adoration in Song

#### **I Am A Warrior**

We are soldiers in the army  
We have to fight or we have to die  
We have to hold up the bloodstained battle  
We got to hold it up until we die  
We are soldiers in the army  
We have to fight or we have to die  
We have to hold up the bloodstained banner  
We got to hold it up until we die

We are going up, we're going up together  
We're going up to conquer  
In the name of the Lord  
We are going up, we're going up together  
We're going up to conquer  
In the name of the Lord.

Don't talk no, no  
Don't talk defeat to me  
I am a child of God and I've got the victory  
Don't talk no, no



Don't talk defeat to me  
I am a child of God and I've got the victory.

I am a warrior  
I am a conquerer  
I'm an overcomer  
In the name of the Lord  
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## **I'm trading my sorrows**

I'm trading my sorrows  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord  
*Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord*  
*Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord*  
*Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord. AMEN*



## **There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary**

There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary,  
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.  
O come lay down  
The burdens you have carried  
For in this sanctuary  
God is here.

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The burdens you have carried  
For in this sanctuary  
God is here.

He is here. God is here.  
To break the yolk and lift  
The heavy burden.  
He is here. God is here.

To heal the hopeless heart  
And bless the broken.

O come lay down  
The burdens you have carried  
For in this sanctuary  
God is here.

He is here. God is here.  
To break the yolk and lift  
The heavy burden.  
He is here. God is here.  
To heal the hopeless heart  
And bless the broken.

O come lay down  
The burdens you have carried  
For in this sanctuary  
God is here.

... Speak Lord. Speak Lord.

He is here. God is here.  
To break the yolk and lift  
The heavy burden.  
He is here. God is here.  
To heal the hopeless heart  
And bless the broken.

O come lay down  
The burdens you have carried  
For in this sanctuary  
God is here.



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

### 2 Timothy 1:1 – 14

1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2. To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;
5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
8. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
10. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
11. Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
12. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
14. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.



### **Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5 – 10**

5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
6. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
7. But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
8. And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
9. Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
10. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.



### **Choir Anthem (*Sharon & Dunscombe*) – “Behold The Lamb”**



### **Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



## Hymn of Reflection: 284 –

O Thou, who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up the gift in me;

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.



## 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 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 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.



***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 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.



### Hymn 730 –

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!



## 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.



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

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

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

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



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



## Hymn of Thanksgiving – 244

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

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

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

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

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



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 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, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: *There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all* (Eph. 4:4 – 6). Welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our loving concern for each other and our unity, be our expression of worship today.



Sharon:



Advanced: Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6<sup>th</sup>), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7<sup>th</sup>), Zenaida Ramsay & Ranfield Reid (8<sup>th</sup>), Hazel Carter (10<sup>th</sup>), Deshawn Carmichael, Cynthia Lewis & Kentish Merritt (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. in the D.C. Moore Centre

#### This Week at Sharon:

- ✠ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ✠ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

- † Wednesday: Bible Study (*The Sermon on the Mount*) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Saturday: Community Visitation – 4:00 p.m. in Jackson
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of October 2025:

- † Women's Fellowship Activities for the month:
  - Exhibition/Pop up Market Day/Tea Corner – Saturday, 11th, 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Exhibition open at 1:00 p.m. Venue D. C. Moore Centre (Sharon)
  - Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 19th. Rally at Dunscombe Moravian Church at 4:00 p.m.
  - Quiz – Monday 20th, 7:00 p.m. online
  - Candlelight Service – Sunday 26th, 4:00 p.m. Venue: Bethlehem Moravian Church
- † Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 12th, 8:00 a.m.
- † The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 25th, 6:00 am.
- † Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.



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

1. Sharon Men Cooking which was postponed to Saturday, October 4, 2025, has been further postponed to next year.
2. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2025 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. 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.
3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



# MORAVIAN HISTORY



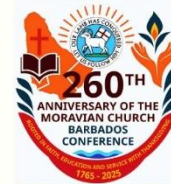
## THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IS THE OLDEST PROTESTANT DENOMINATION!

The Moravian Church, also known as the Unitas Fratrum or Unity of the Brethren, is one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. It traces its roots back to the 15<sup>th</sup> - century movement led by Jan Hus, A Czech reformer who sought to purify the Catholic Church.

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



# MORAVIAN HISTORY



## THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IS THE FIRST AMONG THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES TO ACCEPT MISSIONARY WORK AS BEING A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH!

The Moravian Church has a strong emphasis on missionary work. In fact, it is considered to be one of the first Protestant missionary movements. During the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Moravian missionaries traveled far and wide, bringing Christianity to regions as diverse as the Caribbean, Greenland, Africa and the Americas.

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**4. From the Provincial Board:**

- 4.1.** The Provincial family extends condolences to Rev. Nigel Daniel on the death of his mother, Mrs. Fernella Daniel. Sis. Daniel died on September 27, 2025 in Antigua. The funeral service for Sis. Daniel takes place on October 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cana Moravian Church, Swetes Village, Antigua. Please pray for Bro. Daniel and family in their time of grief and loss.
- 4.2.** Rev. Moise Jean has resigned as a Pastor in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, effective September 1, 2025. The Provincial Board thanks Bro. Jean for his years of service to the Province as a Pastor beginning in 2014. We pray God's favour on him in his future endeavours.
- 4.3.** The service of Consecration for Bishop Elect, Rev. Ezra Parris, will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer, and Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province, and Bishop Stanley Clarke of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province, will officiate. Please pray for Bro. Parris and family and the officiating Bishops as they prepare for this solemn and sacred moment.

**5. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.</b>	<b>Sis. Ismay Straker</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.</b>	<b>Bro. Anthony Ifill</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Lower Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).</b>	<b>Bro. Edwin Sandiford</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.</b>	<b>Bro. Victor Hurdle</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.</b>	<b>Sis. Merville Franklyn</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.</b>	<b>Sis. Carmel Downes</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)</b>	<b>Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.</b>	<b>Sis. Denise Grant</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.</b>	<b>Sis. Lelia Gibbs</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.</b>	<b>Bro. Steven King</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.</b>	<b>Sis. Veronica Leacock</b>

12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

6. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

6.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



7. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

8. We are thankful for your financial support.

8.1. 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.

8.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in

the front door of the Manse.

- 8.3. 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.
9. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 9.3. 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>).
- 9.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## PRAYER NEEDS:



### 1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1 Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

### 2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves*

### 3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for:*

✠ *Sis. Shirley Blackman and family, on the passing of her brother, Bro. David King. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.*

### 4. World Peace



### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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.



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### Provincial Theme 2025:

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

The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.

*“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC*



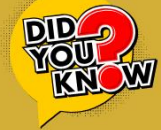
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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



## MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

## MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

- NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)
- DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964)
- JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)
- FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)
- MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)
- APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)

- MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
- JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)
- JULY - CALVARY (1834)
- AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
- SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)

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