

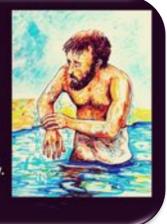
SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. 2 Kings 5:14



Sunday, October 9, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: If we have died with him, we will also live with him. (2 Timothy 2:11)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship: The Third Order, p.13 – CMP Liturgy Book

Hymn 495 – "O Praise Ye the Lord!"

Liturgy: The Third Order of Public Worship p.13—CMP Liturgy Book

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: 238 – "I Was Sinking Deep In Sin"

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings Offertory Doxology: "Give Thanks"

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1 – 15 Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11 – 19

Choir Anthem – "Praise Ye Jehovah"

The Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 284 – "O Thou, Who Camest From Above"

The Benediction

Organ Postlude

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Organ Prelude

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,

The Lord's name is to be praised.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;

In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.

God is our refuge and strength;

A very present help in trouble.



Opening 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!



THE THIRD ORDER

God is light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us pray:

Lord, Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies.

Loving God, we have sinned against heaven and before you, and are no more worthy to be called your children. Enter not into judgement with your servants, O Lord, for in your sight shall no one living be justified. We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Lord, for your tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before you now and evermore.

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon you, says the Lord your Redeemer, and I will not remember your sins.

Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.

All standing.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us rejoice before the Lord our God

Let us give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 121:

1 I will lift up my eyes |unto • the | hills:

From | whence | comes • my | help?

- 2 My help comes | from the | Lord: Who | made | heaven and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your |foot to be | moved: He who | keeps you | will not | slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who | keeps | Israel: Shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The | Lord is your | keeper: The Lord is your shade up- | on your | right| hand.
- 6 The sun shall not | smite you by | day: Nei- | ther the | moon by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from | all | evil: Yes it is even | he who shall | keep your | soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your | coming | in:

From this time forth and | even • for | ever- | more. Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be: World without | end. A- | - | men.

Let us pray:

Jesus said, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart: **Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Let us pray for trust in God.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may ever behold your loving presence about us. Draw our hearts to you by the power of your love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what you have given us to do, help us to leave the issue to your wisdom. Take from us doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to you in heaven, and make us to

know that all things are yours, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for a reverent spirit.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you are worthy to receive all honour and glory and blessing. Help us to hallow your name by honouring all that reveals your nature and mind, whether in the life and laws of the world about us, or in your Word, given through your prophets and your Church, or through your Spirit in the human mind and conscience.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Hallowed be your name.

Let us pray for the family of God.

Eternal God, source and type of all true parenthood in heaven and earth, who sent your Son to seek and save the lost; we pray, trusting in your mercy, for all souls that they may be gathered home to you as one family, the lost found and the rebellious reconciled in your eternal kingdom.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Your kingdom come.

Let us pray for God's sovereignty in the world.

O wisest God, whose service is perfect freedom, help us, by continual surrender to you, to walk in the way you have prepared for us; so that, in doing your will, we may find our full life; and you may be known and adored throughout the earth.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Your will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.

Let us pray for daily blessings.

O bountiful God, who has blessed this earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly what is needed for life; take from us the spirit of covetousness and give us the spirit of service, that all may share your bounty according to their needs.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Give us this day our daily bread.

Let us pray for forgiveness.

Gracious God, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, renew us day by day after your own image; let all bitterness and anger be put away from us, with all malice. May we be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as you also in Christ forgive us.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Let us pray for strength from above.

Merciful God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand firm, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us at all times and carry us through all temptations.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Additional prayer may be offered, closing with:

Morning:

O Lord our God, who has bidden the light to shine out of darkness, and has again wakened us to praise your goodness and to ask for your grace, accept now in your mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

General:

Mercifully incline your ear, O Lord, to these our prayers, and fill our hearts with your grace; that loving you with an unfeigned love, we may evermore be defended under your most gracious protection, and be accepted in all our prayers and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Now may the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us strong, firm and steadfast; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen*.



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: 238 -

I was sinking deep in sin Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.

Chorus:

Love lifted me, love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessèd presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too,
To Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea
Billows His will obey,
He your Saviour wants to be –
Be saved today.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

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)



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1 - 15

- 1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.
- **2.** And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

- **3.** And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
- **4.** And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.
- **5.** And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.
- **6.** And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.
- 7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.
- **8.** And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.
- **9.** So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

- **10.** And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
- **11.** But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
- **12.** Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
- **13.** And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
- **14.** Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.
- **15.** And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11 - 19

11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

- **12.** And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- **13.** And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
- **14.** And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- **15.** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
- **16.** And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- **17.** And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
- **18.** There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
- **19.** And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.



Choir Anthem - "Praise Ye Jehovah"



Sermon - - Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 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.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

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<u>Advanced:</u> Hazel Carter (10th), Deshawn Carmichael, Cynthia Lewis & Kentish Merritt (11th), Joseph Corbin & Keith Roberts (13th), Hilda Williams & Orrin Williams (15th)

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– 9:30 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK:

- **♦ Office Hours** Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- **† Tuesday: Women's Fellowship** − Online at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Board of Stewards Meeting** at 6:00 p.m.
- **♦ Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting − 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093. We are studying the community of the Church.
- **† Friday: Choir Rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY — Women's Fellowship Sunday

- **Divine Worship** 9:30 a.m.
- **♦ Sunday School** (all ages) − 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – Women's Fellowship Month

- **†** Women's Fellowship Month Activities:
 - **№ Women's Fellowship Sunday** (Conference-wide) 16th
 - Quiz Monday, 17th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
 - **▶ Candlelight Service** Sunday, 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- **♥ "Fun-Filled Friday"** (Conference Youth Activity) 14th
- **♦ Service of Appreciation to Mark the Retirement of Rev. Movelle Kellman** − Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- **† Missionary Festival at Dunscombe** − Sunday, 9th at 8:00 a.m.
- **† Missionary Festival at Sharon** − Sunday, 23rd at 9:30 a.m.





Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- **♣** Harvest Sale Saturday November 12, 2022
- **♣** Police Band Concert Date to be confirmed



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
- **2.** You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
- **3.** We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- **4.** We are seeking to restore our Ushers Guild and we are inviting our ushers and those who would like to join the ministry to a meeting after worship on Sunday, October 23, 2022.
- 5. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2022 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and your 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.
- **6.** For our Harvest celebration this year, we will be hosting a Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 12th right here on the Church Grounds. On sale will be food, drinks and produce. Stall

- spaces will be made available at \$30 each for the sale of other items of the vendors' choosing (flea market style). Stall spaces can be reserved at the Church Office.
- 7. Those who desire to affirm their faith in the Act of Reaffirmation of Baptism are invited to register with the Pastor before October 30, 2022. For an understanding of what is involved, the litany can be found on page 224 / 225 of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book. Reaffirmation of Baptism has been tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2022 at Batts Rock Beach.
- 8. We draw to your attention the installation of fire extinguishers at strategic points in our church building. About twelve (12) persons have been trained in the use of the extinguishers and on them we will depend if they need to be used. We thank the Board of Stewards for spearheading the effort; Bro Wilfred Marshall (Grace Hill) for his advice and training; and Bro George Best for the installation of the units.
- **9.** From the provincial board of administration (Provincial Elders Conference):
 - ♦ The new Provincial Board will meet from October 7 13, 2022 in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference for its first business meeting. Please pray that the Spirit of God will guide our deliberations.
- **10.** We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - ♦ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - ♣ 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.
 - Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

- Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
- 11. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
- **12.** Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, 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.
 - Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
 - ♦ 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



PRAYER NEEDS:



- 1. Our Shut-ins: Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.
- 2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley
- 3. **Our nation**: for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 4. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
- 5. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ♣ Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30
- Offering Envelopes for 2022 We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ₱ Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos \$30 / T-Shirts \$15
- **♦** Copies of Sunday sermons on CD \$2.00.

- Books:
- Rev. Neilson Waithe: <u>Understanding the Caribbean Worker</u>– \$25; <u>Provocation</u>– \$20.
- Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: <u>Created in Their Image:</u>

 <u>Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914</u> –

 \$50.
- Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: <u>Baptism Is a Gift of God: *As Such It Is More Than Water*</u>– \$35.
- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.









Protocol for Worship Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic - 2022

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

- 1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
- 2. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
- 3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
- 4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
- 5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
- 6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared

- by family members
- 7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
- 8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
- 9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
- 10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

