



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

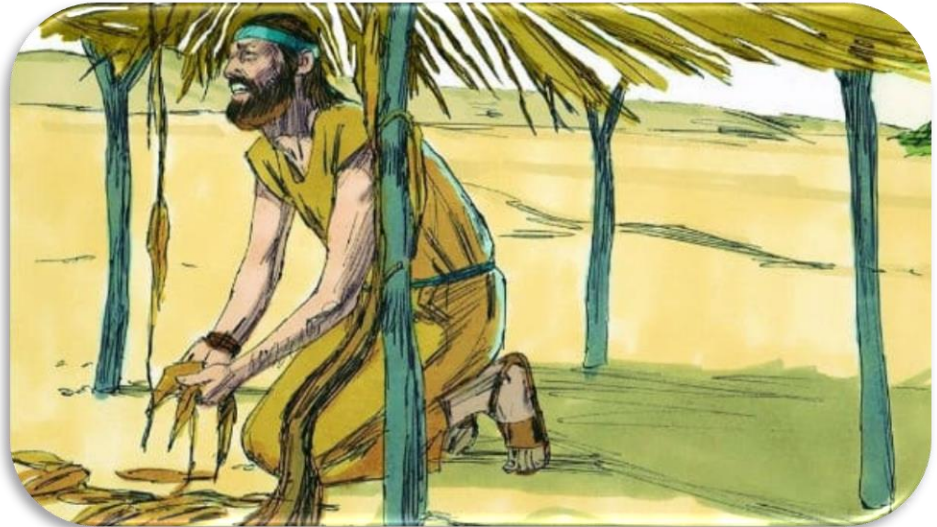
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Sunday, September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all, as we celebrate God's mercy and grace. Let us enter into his gates with thanksgiving in our hearts. A special welcome to the seniors among us, particularly those who we honour today. We welcome as well those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. May God bless us richly.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: For to me, living is Christ and to dying is gain.
(*Philippians 1: 21*)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 47:1 – 2

Leader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

Congregation: *For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

Litany: A Canticle of Praise p.234 – Liturgy Book

Welcome & Celebrations

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 Sis. Yvonne Burrell

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1 – 16 Sis. Shirley Hall

Hymn 90 – “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” (Special Request)

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 236 – “Lift Up Your Hearts!”

Notices & Concerns

Hymn 233 – “Jesus Master, Whose I Am”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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



A CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing

Leader: Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Response: *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.*

Tune: AUSTRIA

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.**

**Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.

Response: *The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Response: *We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.*

Leader: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Response: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

Leader: O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

Response: *For his merciful kindness is great towards us and the truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.*

Tune: HIMMEL, ERDE

**Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son
And blest Spirit, Three in One.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

Response: *The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.*

Leader: For all the blessings of this life:

Response: *Glory be to the Father.*

Leader: For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Response: *Glory be to the Son.*

Leader: For the divine presence ever with us:

Response: *Glory be to the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Response: *Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

AMEN.

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE

**I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.**

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,

He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts.



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Today: Danyeel Cordle, Esther Hunte, Flo Jean-Marie, Grace Lewis, Natalie Maynard, Melanie Stevenson

Advanced: Keesha Franklin, Leslie Moaze, Brenda Myles & Adara Nicholls (22nd), Shaquille Bryan, Dwayne Ellis, Sonia King & Aaliyah Payne (23rd), Cherise Clarke & Arianna Layne (24th), Ryan Ellis, Hetta Gill, Gabriel Leacock & Myrna Walkes (25th), Makayla Codrington (26th)



Congratulations to Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 2020.



Some of the flowers this week have been donated by Sis. Wendy Davis; Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell have also donated in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Jonah 4

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1 – 16

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

- 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
- 4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.
- 5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.
- 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
- 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.
- 8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
- 9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
- 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
- 11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,
- 12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
- 13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
- 14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
- 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
- 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.



Hymn 90 –

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

**Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning star
Sheds its beams around me.**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.**



Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 236 –

**‘Lift up your hearts!’ we lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may we see:
‘Lift up your hearts!’ E’en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!**

**Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'



HONOUREES 2020

- 🏆 Sis. Evangeline Downes
- 🏆 Sis. Oneata Durant
- 🏆 Sis. Coral Springer
- 🏆 Sis. Edna Taylor



NOTICES & CONCERNS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
- Wednesday:** Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m. Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Ministers.



IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- ✝ Faith Missionary Festival – Sunday, 20th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Reopening of the Grace Hill Moravian PreSchool – Monday, 21st
- ✝ Bethlehem & Faith Deeper Life Services Online – Sept. 24 – 7:30 p.m. FaceBook & YouTube. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.
- ✝ Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Ministers – Sunday, 27th
- ✝ Bethlehem Missionary Festival – Sunday, 27th, 10:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

- ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
- ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- ✝ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.

2. From the Provincial Board:

- ✝ Sunday September 27, 2019 will be observed as the annual Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Ministers in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day we will remember the following persons in prayer: Margaret John – Tobago (Antigua), Dorothy Graham – Barbados, Ida Browne – Antigua, Deborah Challenger – Antigua, Myrtle Miller – USA, Gwendolyn Jacobs – USVI, Lynda Prout – Trinidad. As we remember them in prayer, a special offering will also be taken as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.

- 3. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.**

- 4. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.**

- 5. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).**



PRAYER NEEDS:



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



Hymn 233 –

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased thine alone to be,
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all thine own,
Let me live to thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master, I am thine;
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer:
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,
O be thou my all in all!



Organ Postlude



AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- Missionary Collection Boxes– If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

- 1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.**
- 2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.**
- 3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.**
- 4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;**
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;**
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.**
- 5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.**
- 7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
- 8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
- 9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;**
 - Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;**
 - The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
- 10. Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.**
- 11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
- 12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**
- 13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.**

