

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

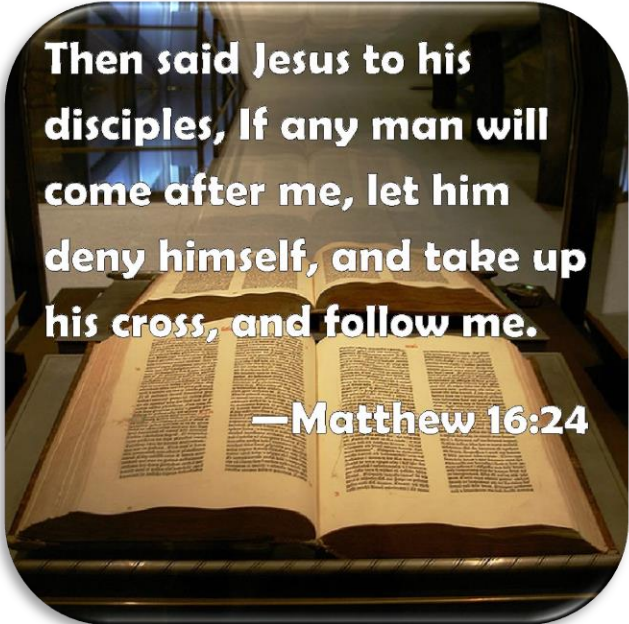
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**Then said Jesus to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

**—Matthew 16:24**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

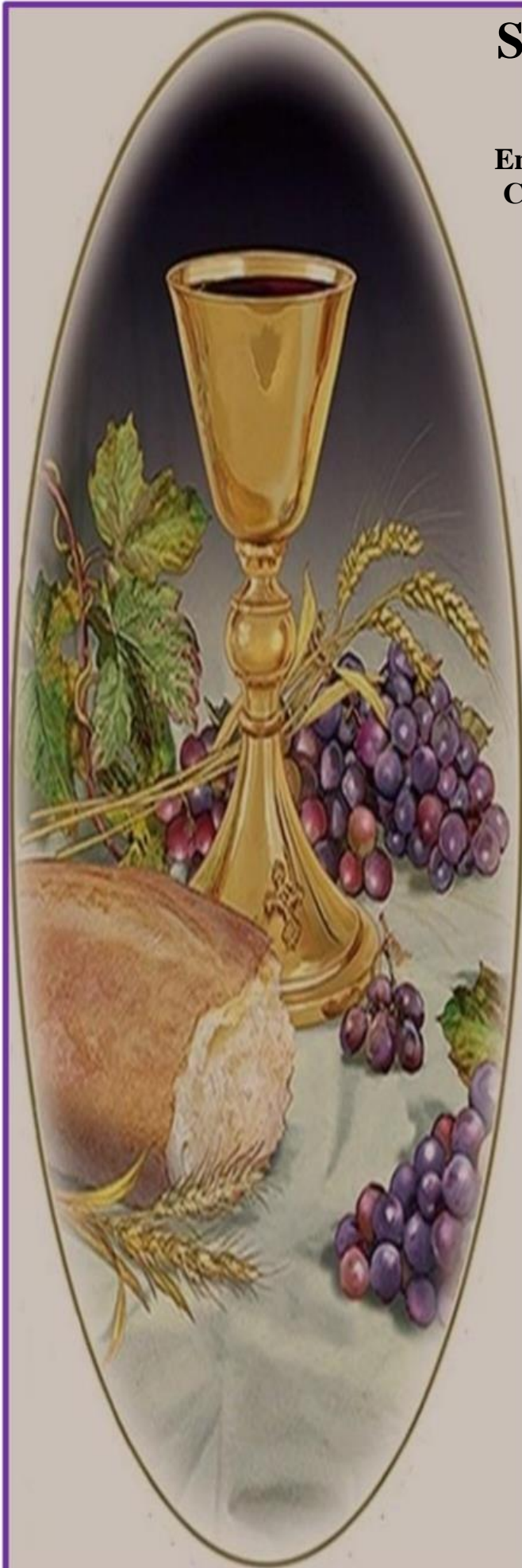
*Welcome: “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” (Ps. 133:1)* With a longing for the wholeness and peace that God establishes, we enter this place, and we join together in the praise of the name that above all else is to be adored. Welcome to all – whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home and abroad – welcome.

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

**WATCHWORD:** *Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)*

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

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





## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise: 487 – *“You Are Holy, You Are Holy”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1 – 8

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.*

(Psalm 103: 1 – 2)

Offertory Hymn: 292 – *“I The Lord of Sea And Sky”*

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This cup  
is the new  
covenant  
in my blood,  
Which is  
poured  
out for  
you.  
Luke 22:20

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Covenant Hymn: 597 – “We Are One In The Spirit”**

**The Blessing**

**Organ Postlude**



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**Organ Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Call to Worship**



**Hymn of Praise: 487 –**

You are holy, You are Holy,  
You are holy holy Lord,  
So I praise you and I lift you up,  
You are holy, holy Lord.

Come and worship! Come and Worship!  
Come and worship, Christ the Lord!  
In His temple; in this Holy place.  
Come and worship Him for He’s our God.

In your presence, In your presence,  
Lord we bow before your Throne.  
Clothed in worship we adore your name,  
You are holy holy Lord.

Lord Redeemer! Lord Redeemer!  
Before you we prostrate fall.  
Wash and cleanse us, cover with your blood;  
You are holy holy Lord.



## Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1 – 8

1. I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
4. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
5. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
8. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.



### Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving



### WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:** *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.*

**(Psalm 103: 1 – 2)**

### Offertory Hymn: 292 –

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?



## **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**



## Induction of Rev. David Ince as Associate Pastor

# THE INDUCTION OF A MINISTER

*(The Minister standing)*

Dearly beloved, Christ gave us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

We are assembled to induct **BRO. DAVID INCE** as Associate Pastor of the Sharon Moravian Church. The Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC), having been led by the Holy Spirit, has called him to serve in this office.

**BRO. DAVID INCE**, you have been called to serve the Sharon Congregation.

Do you believe that the church is God's people gathered together by God's love to serve in reconciling the world, and do you regard each person as being created in the image of God and as such deserving of your respect, pastoral care and love?

**Answer: I do**

Do you promise, in the presence of the head of the Church, Jesus Christ, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit and by the grace of God, to endeavour, in accordance with your ordination vows, faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to your congregations, being careful at all times to conduct yourself as befitting a minister of the gospel of Christ?

**Answer: I do**

Do you promise to live a life of holiness, always to maintain the truth of the gospel through prosperity and adversity?

**Answer: I do**

*(Here all officers and members of the congregation shall stand.)*

Do you, the Officers and members, now receive **BRO. DAVID INCE** as minister and shepherd of this flock?

**Answer: We do**

Do you promise to hold him in high respect, as he works among you, sustaining him with your love and prayers, defending and upholding with him the doctrine and discipline of the Moravian Church?

**Answer: We do**

Do you promise to supply him with the support, both spiritual and material, to which he is entitled, so as to promote his happiness among you, and to maintain his honour and the integrity of the ministry of our holy faith?

*Answer: We do*

As your minister will you accept the word of truth from his preaching and teaching in meekness and faith? Will you be faithful in your full support and participation in Christian activities, joining him in prayer and work for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and the community?

*Answer: We will*

### *The Charge*

In this sacred hour I charge you the members of this congregation to remember the words of our Lord Jesus: “*I am the Vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me and I in him, the same bears much fruit.*” I charge you, together with your new pastor, to fulfil this within your congregation. Provide for him the necessary encouragement and support of his ministry.

And I charge you, **BRO. DAVID** to remember the words of our Lord Jesus to Simon Peter: “*Do you love Me? Feed my lambs; Tend my Sheep; Feed my Sheep.*”

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders’ Conference, I declare **BRO. DAVID INCE** to be duly inducted as Associate Pastor of the Sharon Moravian Church.

Let us pray

*(After prayer, the presiding Minister extends the right hand of fellowship to him/her.)*



### **Hymn 434 –**

O Master, when thou callest,  
No voice may say thee nay,  
For blest are they that follow  
Where thou dost lead the way;  
In freshest prime of morning,  
Or fullest glow of noon,  
The note of heavenly warning  
Can never come too soon.

O Master, when thou callest,  
No foot may shrink in fear;  
For they who trust thee wholly  
Shall find thee ever near:  
And chamber still and lonely,  
Or busy harvest field,  
Where thou, Lord, rulest only,  
Shall precious produce yeield.

O Master, when thou callest,  
No heart may dare refuse;  
'Tis honour, highest honour,  
When thou dost deign to use;  
Our brightest and our fairest,  
Our dearest – all are thine;  
Thou who for each one carest,  
We hail thy love's design.

They who go forth to serve thee,  
We too who serve at home,  
May watch and pray together  
Until thy kingdom come.  
In thee for aye united,  
Our song of hope we raise,  
Till that blest shore is sighted  
Where all shall turn to praise.



## Ministry of the Word

**First Scripture Reading:**

**Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21**

15. O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.
16. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.
17. I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.



18. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that* fail?
19. Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.
20. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
21. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.



**Choir Anthem – “Songs For The Journey”**



**Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28**

21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.



### Hymn of Preparation: 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



### Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



### Hymn of Reflection –

Down in the valley with my Saviour I will go,  
Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow;  
Everywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on,  
Walking in His footsteps till the crown be won.

*Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!  
Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!  
Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!  
Everywhere He leads me I would follow on!*

Down in the valley with my Saviour I will go,  
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;  
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,  
Dangers cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep,  
Close beside my Saviour would my soul ever keep;  
He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod,  
Up to where they gather on the hills of God.



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## 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.*

### Hymn 558 –

We come now to your table Lord,  
You are the Living Bread.  
We come now to your table Lord,  
Let every soul be fed.  
You are the Living Bread,  
Let every soul be fed,  
And now may every soul be fed,  
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us  
Your sacred blood was shed,  
We drink the cup, it was for us  
You suffered pain and bled;  
Your sacred blood was shed,  
You suffered pain and bled;  
We drink the cup, it was for us  
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,  
The sacred Bread and Wine,  
A holy feast transforming us,  
That makes our lives divine;  
The sacred Bread and Wine,  
That makes our lives divine;  
A holy feast transforming us,  
This Bread and Wine.

*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.*



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With deep devotion  
We in Christ's sufferings trace  
The unfathomed ocean  
Of his abounding grace;  
He gave  
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken  
Upon the shameful cross,  
As he hath spoken,  
Was given to death for us:  
We feed  
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,  
Let us to meet him haste;  
He comes to cheer us,  
His flesh is our repast,  
His blood  
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion  
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
And holy union  
With all who love his name  
May we  
Abide continually.



Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
 Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
 And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
 Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;  
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
 Another arm save Thine to lean upon;  
 It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness:  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;  
 Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 This is the heavenly table spread for me;  
 Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
 The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
 Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.



*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:*

*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.*



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In heavenly love abiding  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
For nothing changes here:  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back;  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim:  
He knows the way he taketh,  
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;



Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where the dark clouds have been.

My hope I cannot measure:  
My path to life is free;  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And he will walk with me.



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Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



***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 – 588**

For the bread and for the wine,  
For the pledge that seals Him mine,  
For the words of love divine,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,  
Bidding all our sorrows cease,  
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye  
To the cross of Calvary,  
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,  
Type of Him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead;  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;  
As we at His table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up!  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



### **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 – 597

We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
that God is in our land.



*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**

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”*  
(Ps. 133:1) With a longing for the wholeness and peace that God establishes, we enter this place, and we join together in the praise of the name that above all else is to be adored. Welcome to all – whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home and abroad – welcome.



*Today: Cianna Downes*

*Advanced Kadeem Turton & Marcia Cox (6<sup>th</sup>), Tremaine Babb (8<sup>th</sup>), Carl Hoyte (9<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to: Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who will celebrate their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5, 2023*

**MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG**

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,  
Bless them all we humbly pray;  
Our dear heavenly Father’s love and favour  
Be their comfort every day.  
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,  
Favour them with his most gracious leading;  
Thus shall they be truly blessed,  
Both in labour and in rest.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ This Week:
- ✝ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ✝ Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m.



### In the Month of September 2023:

- ✝ Back-To-School Sunday – 17<sup>TH</sup>
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Faith – Sunday, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

### 1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- ✝ Unity Synod will be held from September 4 – 10, 2023 in South Africa. Unity Synod is the highest decision-making body of the world-wide Moravian Church and is held every seven years. In addition to the Chairman, the Province will be represented by the Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference and Sis. Beverly Job, treasurer of the Trinidad Conference. Unity Synod will be preceded by a meeting of the Unity Board from September 1 – 3, 2023 which the Chairman will attend. Your prayers are requested for the Unity Board meeting and Unity Synod.
- ✝ The Chairman will be out of office for Unity Synod and Vacation leave from August 28 – September 12 and September 13 – September 30, respectively. Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair of the Province, will act as Chairman in his absence.
- ✝ The Rev. David Ince who currently serves as the Supplementary Associate Pastor of the Bethlehem and Faith Pastorate in Barbados has accepted a call to serve as the Supplementary Associate Pastor of the Sharon and

**Dunscombe Pastorate in the Barbados Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2023.**

- 2. The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union Limited is re-scheduled and to take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 4.30 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Educational Centre, Sharon Complex, Sharon, St. Thomas.**
- 3. Flower Festival 2023 is scheduled for November 11th & 12th 2023. The theme 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.**
- 4. February 10, 2024 will be the 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.**
- 5. We are thankful for your financial support.**
  - ✠ We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.**
  - ✠ You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.**
  - ✠ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.**
- 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.**

- † Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
  - † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
  - † Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
  - † You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)
7. Our 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. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for the family of:*

† *The family of Bro. Theophilus Cadogan on his passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday September 7, 2023 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*

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.



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Rev. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith (Sup't) Provincial Director of Christian Edu. Minister of Christian Education Lebanon (1830) Enon (1817)

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Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis Gracehill (1773) Cana (1863)

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Rev. Walton Frederick Friedensfeld (1801)

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**GRENADA MISSION**

Rev. Devon Mannix

**TRINITY MORAVIAN**

Rev. Erllin Browne

## 2023 CALENDAR

### JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

07 - New Year's Day  
08 - Epiphany

### MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18 - Ascension Day  
28 - Pentecost

### SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 - St. Rita & Nov's Independence  
24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses

### FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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07 - Grenada's Independence  
22 - Ash Wednesday

### JUNE

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04 - Trinity Sunday

### OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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31 - Reformation Day

### MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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08 - Unity Sunday  
26 - Theological Education Sunday  
31 - USVI Transfer Day

### JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day

### NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence  
12 - Christ the Elder Festival  
30 - Barbados Independence

### ARRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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07 - Good Friday  
09 - Easter Sunday

### AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence

### DECEMBER

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25 - Christmas Day

### MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

- Mar 8: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Litz, Bohemia, 1457.
- May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which renewed the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.
- Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.
- 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.
- Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut, 1722.
- Aug 24: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1722.
- Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1418.
- 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.
- Dec 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.