

God's call to mission summons a response. Today, God asks: whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

**Like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips, 'I will go. Send me!**

This is the good news, that through Christ's death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings and live as members of the same body.

**If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.**

Jesus said: Those who serve me must follow me and the Father will honour them.

**If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

**We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.**

*All seated.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ, commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone: grant us a ready will to obey your Word; and as we enter into the lives of others, help us to serve you. Give us greater zeal for mission. Make us more ready and more diligent by our prayers, by our gifts, and by our example to spread abroad the knowledge of your truth and to enlarge the boundaries of your kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us and may we do all to your glory. Inspire our witness to Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. **Amen.**

God, we thank you that through Jesus Christ, you have called your Church to be your light to the world. We pray for the Moravian Unity, the Church Universal and the ecumenical institutions which work for the advancement of God's Kingdom, (the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, the Caribbean Conference of Churches and the National

Council of Churches). We lift before you all other Church related organizations that minister your love and saving grace. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

We remember in prayer all who suffer because they have named you as Lord. May they be strengthened to endure every test and trial which comes upon them. Strengthen them in the hour of temptation. Give courage, insight and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the Gospel to those yet unreached. Saviour, grant that your Church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*All standing.*

TUNE: MOSCOW

**Christ for the world! we sing:**

**The world to Christ we bring With loving zeal;  
The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,  
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world we sing:**

**The world to Christ we bring With fervent prayer;  
The wayward and the lost, By restless passion tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost From dark despair.**

**Christ for the world we sing:**

**The world to Christ we bring With joyful song;  
The new-born souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.**

*Samuel Walcott (1813—1886)*

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# MISSIONARY FESTIVAL



## SHARON Moravian Church

Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
7:30 pm

**Pastor:** Rev. Ezra Parris  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Movelle Kellman  
**Organist:** Bro. Carl Ifill  
**Preacher:** Rev. Anderson Kellman

**Provincial Theme 2017:**  
*Advance the Kingdom—Use the Keys*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 138:4-5):

**Leader:** All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth.

**Congregation:** *Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.*

**Hymn:** # 410—*God of Mercy God of Grace*

Litany for Missions

Welcome & Introductions

Song by the Women's & Men's Fellowships

Missions Brief

**Offertory Text:** *"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord" (Exod. 35:5).*

**Offertory Hymn:** # 421—*Far, Far Away*  
*(Go Ye Into All the World)*

Offertory Prayer

Song by the Adult Choir

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:1-9

**Hymn:** # 11—*Sing Them Over Again To Me*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Anderson Kellman

**Hymn:** # 623—*Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast*

Financial Report

Courtesies

**Hymn:** # 205—*God is Working His Purpose*

Benediction

## Mission and Evangelism

*All standing.*

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

***They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.***

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

***Your rule is eternal and you are King forever.***

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

***You are near those who call to you — who call to you with sincerity.***

You supply the needs of all who honour you; you hear their cries and save them.

***We will ever praise you Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.***

TUNE: NATIVITY / 86.86 (CM)

**We praise you God for what you did  
For those you chose to lead  
Who spread God's message near and far,  
Planting the Gospel seed.**

**We thank you for their well-done work  
They laboured long and hard.  
Fought many battles, many won,  
Declaring Christ is Lord!**

**Lord of all times we honour you  
Give us the strength like them  
To boldly speak your Word today,  
So souls won't be condemned.**

2008. Joan A. Smith

*Let us pray:*

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

***Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words and actions which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the Church we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.***

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.

Hear the words of our Lord: *'I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again'.*

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, gave life and breath to everyone. And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called You and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through You I will make a covenant with all peoples. Through You I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark places.

TUNE: JESUS SAVES

**We have heard the joyful sound — Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the gladness all around — Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Shout salvation full and free To every strand that ocean laves,**

**This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

Priscilla J. Owens (1829 - 1907)

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship does not." — John Piper in *Let the Nations Be Glad*