



## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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### Matthew 13:24-26

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**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome: We extend a sincere welcome to all who worship with us today. It is another day that the Lord has made and what must we do; but rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome.*

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD:** Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. *(Isaiah 44:6)*

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Organ Prelude

Call to Worship – *Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. (Psalm 43:3)*

A Canticle of Praise (p. 234 – Liturgy Book)

### Welcome & Celebrations

### Adoration In Songs & Choruses

### Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12 – 25

Hymn 526 – *We Love the Place, O God* (Requested by Sis Thora Moore)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24 – 30, 36 – 43

Hymn of Preparation: 186 – *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

### Prayer:

✝ Commitment & Intercession

✝ Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

### Notices & Concerns

Hymn 474 – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### The Benediction

### Organ Postlude



## A CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**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.*

**All:**

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.**

*(All standing, the Minister shall say and the congregation responds)*

**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.***

**All:**

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.**

All:

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.*



**Welcome & Celebrations**



**Adoration In Songs & Choruses**



## **Ministry of the Word**

**First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12 – 25**

- 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.**
- 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**
- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**
- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**
- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**
- 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**
- 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.**
- 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,**
- 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**
- 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.**
- 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**
- 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?**
- 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.**

**Second Scripture Reading:      Matthew 13:24 – 30, 36 – 43**

- 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**
- 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

- 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.
- 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
- 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
- 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
- 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
- 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
- 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.



Hymn of Preparation: 186 –

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me;'

As of old apostles heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,  
Saviour make us hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thy obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer:

- ✚ Commitment & Intercession
- ✚ Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Celebrations & Notices



Advanced: Angelus Hurdle (21<sup>st</sup>), Carl Forde (shut-in) (22<sup>nd</sup>), Carol St. John (shut-in), Denis Moore (23<sup>rd</sup>), Erla Reid (24<sup>th</sup>)

## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- 1. Here at Sharon, we will resume the sacrament of Holy Communion (Celebration of the Lord's Supper) on the First Sunday of August. Our practice will be adjusted slightly to meet the requirements for social distancing during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Tongs will be used to distribute the bread, and the congregation will take the wine from sparsely populated trays. The disposable cups will be discarded in waste bins on the way out of the sanctuary.**
- 2. The Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union Office hours with effect from Tuesday, June 30th until Friday, August 29th will be as follows:**
  - ✚ Tuesdays – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
  - ✚ Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
  - ✚ Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- 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.**



### **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.



Hymn 474 –

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some celestial measure,  
Sung by ransomed hosts above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thine help I'm come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,

**Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above!**



**The Benediction**



**Organ Postlude**



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

**This Week:**

**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.



## **IN THE MONTH OF JULY**

- **The Conference at Prayer – via Zoom, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 a.m. Please request of the Pastors that the Meeting ID and Password to be sent directly to you.**



**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.**



**PRAYER NEEDS:**



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



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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

St. Thomas	1732
St. Croix	1734
St. John	1741
Antigua	1756
Barbados	1765
St. Kitts	1777
Tobago	1790
Trinidad	1890
Tortola	1993
Grenada	

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**To:** All Members of Staff/Congregations  
cc Members of PEC, Bishops

**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC 

**Subject:** Provincial Day of Prayer and August 13 Festival

**Date:** July 17, 2020

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**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. The next Provincial Day of Prayer will be held on August 1, 2020. There will be three opportunities to join with other members of the Provincial family for prayer – 5:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm. The focus for prayer will be children and children’s ministry. If you are able to add a fast to your prayer, please do based on your ability. You may do this as a group or as an individual. More details, including prayer points, will be shared later.
2. The August 13<sup>th</sup> Festival will be observed with a special Provincial service on August 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The service will be online and have participation from across the Province. Please reserve the time as together we open our hearts for the Spirit of God to fill us as of old.