



## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

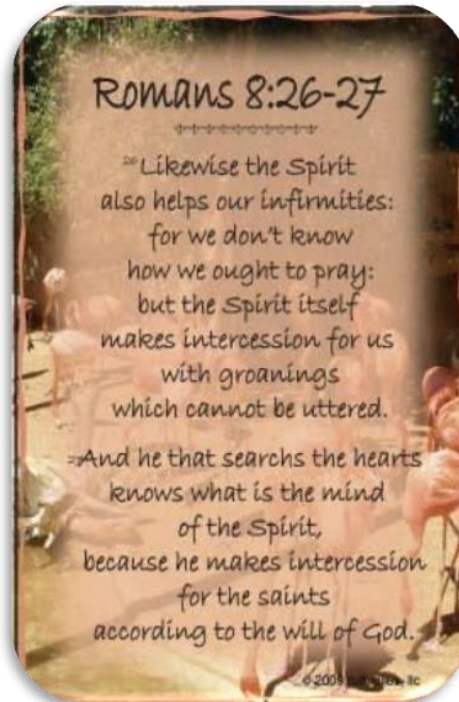
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### ROMANS 8:26-27

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also helps our infirmities:  
for we don't know  
how we ought to pray;  
but the Spirit itself  
makes intercession for us  
with groanings  
which cannot be uttered.

And he that searches the hearts  
knows what is the mind  
of the Spirit,  
because he makes intercession  
for the saints  
according to the will of God.

**Sunday, July 26 2020**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome: A warm welcome is extended to one and all as we gather for worship, including those who "gather" by way of our livestream. We pray that this time of worship together would bring blessing and strength to our hearts. Welcome.*

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD: God, turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

*(Psalm 119:132)*

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Organ Prelude

**Call to Worship:** *Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old! (Psalm 68:32-33)*

**Hymn 495 – O Praise Ye The Lord**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 105:1 – 8

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession**

**Hymn 256 – Come we that love the Lord**

**Welcome & Celebrations**

**Adoration In Songs & Choruses**

**Ministry of the Word**

**First Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:26 – 39

**Second Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:31 – 33, 44 – 52

**Hymn of Preparation: 513 – Open My Eyes, That I May See**

**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**

**Prayer:**

✝ Commitment & Intercession

✝ Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

**Notices & Concerns**

**Hymn 273 – All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**

**The Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**



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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!



**Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1 – 8**

- 1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.**
- 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.**
- 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.**
- 4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.**
- 5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;**
- 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 7 He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth.**
- 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.**



**Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession**



**Hymn 256 –**

**Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne.**

*We're marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.*

**Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King,**

**But children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad.**

**The men of grace have found,  
Glory begun below;  
Celestial fruits on earthly ground  
Celestial fruits on earthly ground  
From faith and hope may grow.  
From faith and hope may grow.**

**The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heavenly fields,  
Before we reach the heavenly fields  
Or walk the golden streets,  
Or walk the golden streets.**

**There shall we see his face,  
And be all free from sin,  
There from the rivers of his grace  
There from the rivers of his grace  
Drink endless pleasures in.  
Drink endless pleasures in.**

**Then let our songs abound,  
And every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high.**



**Welcome & Celebrations:**

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*Belated: Debbie Maynard-Waithe (24<sup>th</sup>)*

*Advanced: Walwyn Blackman & Arthur Ramsay (29<sup>th</sup>), Evelyn Greenidge (30<sup>th</sup>), Mencha Collymore (31<sup>st</sup>)*



### Adoration In Songs & Choruses



### Ministry of the Word

**First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26 – 39**

- 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**
- 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**
- 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**
- 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**
- 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**
- 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**
- 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**
- 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.**
- 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**
- 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.**
- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**
- 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,**
- 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



**Second Scripture Reading:            Matthew 13:31 – 33, 44 – 52**

- 31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:**
- 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.**
- 33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**
- 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**
- 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:**
- 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.**
- 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:**

- 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.
- 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
- 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.
- 52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.



Hymn of Preparation: 513 –

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth you have for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*





## **Prayer:**

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



## **Notices**

### **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. From the Provincial Board:**
  - ✚ **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.**
  - ✚ **The August 13th 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.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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.**

- 5. 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 273 –**

**All the way my Saviour leads me,  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo, a spring of joy I see!**

**All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages –  
'Jesus led me all the way!'**



**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 & Holy Communion – 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.



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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**cc** Members of PEC, Bishops  
**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC  
**Subject:** Provincial concerns  
**Date:** July 24, 2020  
**Ref:** PEC 160/20

**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 Rev. Anique Elmes-Matthew currently on Study Leave, has requested and has been granted Leave of Absence from August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2022.
2. The next Provincial Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 and the focus will be on children and children's ministry. There will be three formal sessions 5:30 – 6:30 am – Praying for the lambs; 12:00 – 12:45 pm – Child Evangelism Presentation; 6:00 – 6:30 pm – Children's Church. We are encouraged to have our children present as we bring them before the throne of grace.
3. The August 13 Festival will be celebrated in an online service on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. There will be participation from all Conferences as we collectively call on God to "let the power fall." Looking forward to worship with you.
4. The Provincial Family expresses condolences to Sis. Joyce Walters, retired Minister of Counselling, on the death of her husband Mr. Colbourne Walters. The funeral service for Mr. Walters was held on July 24, 2020 at the Christ Church Anglican Church in Christ Church, Barbados. Please keep Sis. Walters and family in prayer.