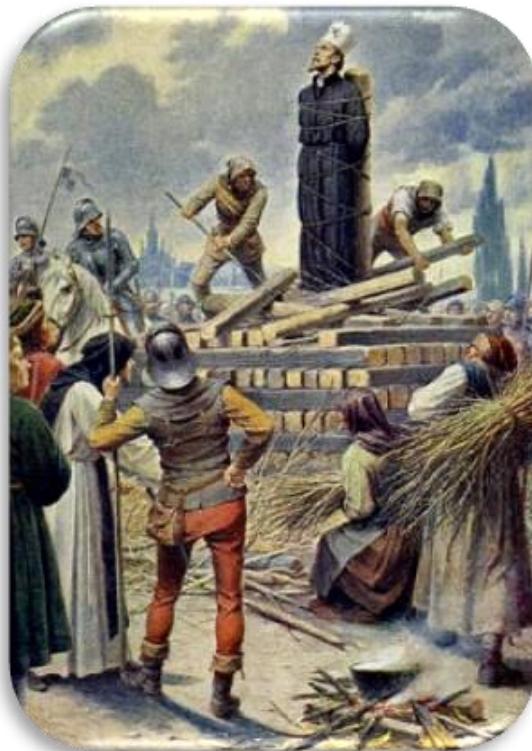




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Sunday, July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend welcome to all as we gather for worship today. Welcome back!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)
Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *(Psalm 145:8)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: (Psalm 100:4 – 5):

L: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

C: *For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

Opening Hymn: 489 – *Angel Voices, Ever Singing*

Litany for Moravian Festivals (Liturgy Book, p. 194 /Projected)

Welcome

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:16 – 19, 25 – 30

Preparatory Hymn: 551 – *Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth*

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer:

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

Celebrations & Notices

Hymn 615 – *With Joyfulness and Longing*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 489 –

*ANGEL voices, ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee,
And confess thee
Lord of might.*

*Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.*

*Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.*

*In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.*

Honour, glory, might and merit,

*Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity:
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.*



Litany for the Observance of Moravian Festivals

(Appropriate for usage on March 1, July 6 & August 13)

All standing

O come, let us sing onto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;

And a great King above all gods.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord;

And to sing praises unto your name, O most high.

To show forth your loving kindness in the morning;

And your faithfulness every night.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Tune: OLD 124th

Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him,
With eagerness of heart and strength of limb,
Brave in endeavor, with young vision clear,
And high thanksgiving for God's purpose here –
Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him.

In loving service may our lives be spent,
Finding in others' gladness sweet content,

Striving to show the brotherhood of man,
Of God's ordaining since the world began –
In loving service may our lives be spent.

1934. Dorothy A. Connor

Let us pray

(All seated)

Loving Lord, we worship and adore you, the source of our strength and our salvation, we praise and thank you for every blessing in this life. We recognize your goodness to us and give you thanks for your mercies which come to us afresh day by day. We acknowledge that, as the sheep of your pasture, we lack nothing. We thank you for walking with us all along life's way. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have taken your goodness for granted and have behaved as though we are masters of our own lives. Create new hearts within us, Lord, so that we may live according to your will for us. In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

You have given us life and provided all things necessary;

You have led us day by day and protected us from harm and danger;

You have given us strength to overcome temptation and victory over the power of the enemy.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You have given us the example of your disciples, who faithfully built your Church;

You have given us faithful leaders who followed your path even when it led to death;

You have given us ancestors who remained faithful to you in spite of the persecution they suffered.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You give us men and women in this day who serve you diligently;

You raise up young and old whom you have blessed to bless others;

You give to all people varied talents and skills which we may use for your honour and glory.

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are created!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

When to our golden heritage
 We take another look;
We see our fathers living there
 As one in unity,
Let us therefore seek to emulate
 This great example set;
It's strength through unity.

*Rise up now all ye Moravians, Rise up now all ye Moravians,
Rise up now all ye Moravians, And fight for unity.*

Come let us make this pledge to God
 And to our brothers all;
 To give to God the glory
And our brother, sisters, love;
So the world shall be the richer and
 His peace will flood our lives,
From strength through unity.

1980. Neilson Waithe

O God our loving Father, we thank you:

For the service of your servants, rendered in our church through the years.
For their commitment to service and their loyalty to you;
For their strength of character and their patience in tribulation;
We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Hus who bravely stood for honesty in service and integrity in witness;

For his boldness to stand in favour of the standards of God whilst standing against the institutions of his day,

For his courage to face death by fire because of his Christian conviction;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Amos Comenius who assisted persecuted Christians in finding refuge;

For his prayer for the church that God might preserve a ‘hidden seed to glorify his name’;

For that ‘hidden seed’ which sprung to life nearly a century later;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Christian David who continued the labour of finding refuge for our persecuted ancestors;

For his encounter with Count Zinzendorf and the Count’s willingness to ‘give these Christians land whilst Christ gave them rest’;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Count Zinzendorf’s encounter with the slave Anthony and for his zeal in leading the Moravians into mission;

For the commitment of David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober, our first missionaries;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For the first missionaries to our islands and the many who followed to share the Good News;

For the early planters who gave of their land and support to this work;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For these {.....} years of worship, witness and work of the Moravian Church worldwide;

For the {.....} years of missionary activity;

For the {....} years of service in our Province of the Moravian Church;

For the {....} years of existence of the Moravian Church in this country;

We thank you, O Lord, for your faithfulness to us through the years, and for the many who have laboured faithfully throughout time and those who continue faithfully to do so today.

And now, O Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to Minister: bless all those who follow in your steps. Give us each the courage to follow in their steps. Grant us zeal and patience to serve as following one Master and looking for one reward. Endue us with wisdom to pray, not for tasks equal to our strength, but rather for strength equal to our tasks. Lead us to the joy of service for the Master and loving commitment to his will. So may his duty be our delight.

Amen.

All standing

Tune: AURELIA

When time rolls on with purpose,

Yes, purpose and with goals,

Concealed, but not forgotten

Until this day unfolds,

And now we celebrate you,

Though struggles come with woes,

Abiding by your promise,

That where we go, He goes.

Sing praises to the Father;

Sing praises to the Son,

For past-time generations

And future souls to come;

O Lord of time and wonder,

We feel your presence here:

Release your power upon us

And give us hearts to care.

Sing Alleluia! Praise Him!

We raise our voices now:

We thank You, Holy Father
For missionaries' vows:
A loud Hosanna sing we
For what we are today;
For blessings past and present,
We now our homage pay.

Elva Kitson d. 2011



Welcome



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9 – 12

- 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.
- 11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.
- 12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:16 – 19, 25 – 30

- 16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

- 17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
- 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.
- 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.
- 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
- 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
- 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.
- 28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- 29 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.
- 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Preparatory Hymn: 551 –

Master, speak! thy servant heareth,
Waiting for thy gracious word,
Longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
What hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master!
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,

Where the Shepherd leads the flock,
In the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for O, thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart,
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak, and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready,
When thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word.

I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak! O, speak to me!



Sermon -- *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer:

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



Celebrations & Notices



Advanced: *Luther Barker (8th) Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Hurdle (10th), Zhane Kellman (11th)*

NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Board of Management of the Grace Hill Moravian Preschool is inviting applications for the post of Supervisor to lead in the management of the Grace Hill Moravian Preschool, starting September 1, 2020.
 - ✚ Persons applying should have: (i) A certificate in Early Childhood Education, (ii) Certificates in at least four (4) CXC CSEC subjects or equivalent, including English Language and Mathematics, (iii) At least

five (5) years teaching experience in a preschool or child care setting,
(iv) A certificate in Educational Management.

- ✚ Evidence of involvement in the life of the church will be an asset.
 - ✚ The Supervisor will be responsible for: the day to day administration at the school; the development of social relations and spiritual growth in the school; the supervision and assistance of staff in their day to day activities; the educational development of the school; any other duties that may be deemed reasonable by the Board of Management.
 - ✚ Interested persons should submit a letter of application, with a full resumé, and the names of two referees to the Chairman, Board of Management, Grace Hill Moravian Preschool, Moravian Conference Office, D. C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas on or before July 15, 2020.
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 615 –

**With joyfulness and longing
We look to thee, O Lord;
Receive us in thy mercy,
And cheer us with thy word;**

Crown us with loving-kindness,
And promises of grace,
And let thy benediction,
Reconsecrate this place.

The years have all been crowded
With tokens of thy love,
And many who here sought thee
Now worship thee above;
But we, O Lord, still need thee,
Our pilgrim feet to stay,
For evil often triumphs
As faith to fear gives way.

Teach us to know our calling,
And make that calling sure;
Endow us with the guerdon
Of those whose hearts are pure;
Then by the blood that bought us
And by the grace that sought,
Help us, in loving truly,
To serve thee as we ought.

Lord, make thy people willing,
In thy great day of power;
Call out recruits, great captains,
And from this happy hour
Lead on to fresh endeavour
A people true and strong,
Till, jubilant in glory,
They swell the conqueror's song.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

This Week at Sharon

- 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

- **John Hus Festival – 6th.** On July 6, 1415, John Hus was martyred at the Council of Constance, having stood up for the proclamation of the Gospel in the language of the people and for the people to partake of both the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper.
- **The Conference at Prayer – via Zoom, Saturday, 25th 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.



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



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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