



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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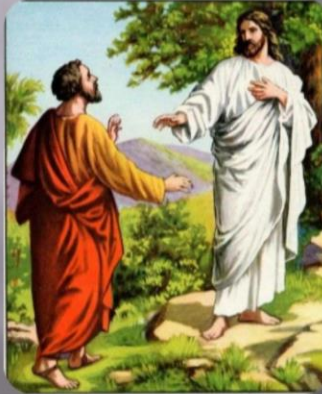
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Matthew 16:15-16



Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!" With gratitude we gather for worship and we declare the praises of our God. We welcome you to worship today, including those who are receiving our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. We pray that you would be blessed as we worship. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.
(Romans 12:2)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

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Call to Worship (Fifth Order of Worship, p. 24 – Liturgy Book)

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Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 317 – *“Who Is On the Lord’s Side”*

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The Doxology (*Sung*)

Organ Postlude



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Call to Worship (Fifth Order of Worship, p. 24 – Liturgy Book)

Blessed be the Lord: for he has showed me his marvellous lovingkindness.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.



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**Praise the King of Glory, He is God alone;
Praise Him for the wonders He to us hath shown;
For His promised presence, All the pilgrim way,
For the flaming pillar, And the cloud by day.**

*Praise Him shining angels, strike your harps of gold,
All His hosts adore Him, who His face behold;
Through His great dominion, while the ages roll,
All His works shall praise Him, All His works shall praise Him,
All His works shall praise Him; Bless the Lord, my soul!*

**Praise Him for redemption, free to every soul;
Praise Him for the Fountain That can make us whole;
For His gifts of kindness and His loving care,
For the blest assurance, that He answers prayer.**

**Praise Him for the trials, sent as chords of love,
Binding us more closely to the things above;
For the faith that conquers, hope, that naught can dim,
For the land where loved ones, gather unto Him.**



The Fifth Order

(p. 24 – 27 – Liturgy Book)

Let us pray.

We give thanks Lord God for the many blessings of this life: for health and strength and all our powers of mind and body; for our homes and loved ones and for the wonderful joy of friendship; for our work and the opportunity of service; for the beauty of the world; for the kindness, generosity and sympathy shown to us by so many along life's journey.

Give us thankful hearts for all your goodness, and help us by the way we live to repay some of the debt we owe; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of confession and forgiveness:

Lord God, you know all there is to know about us; we confess our sins which separates us from you and divide us from one another. So often we see the faults in other people but fail to see our own: we are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness.

Help us to trust that no wrong we have done, or good we have failed to do, is too great for you to forgive.

In faith we pray that you will forgive all that we have been, change what we are, direct what we shall be, making us strong to serve you and our neighbours; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Here a children's address may be given, with readings and hymns.

The service continues with The Ten Commandments:

In the Ten Commandments we find God's principles for living: God said: "I am the Lord your God – there is none other".

Lord, help us to love you with our whole being.

Worship only God.

Lord, help us to put you first.

Use God's name with respect.

Lord, help us to control our language.

Keep God's holy day special.

Lord, help us to use this day for worship, rest and recreation.

Respect your parents.

Lord, help us to love and honour those who care for us.

Do not kill.

Lord, help us to respect the sanctity of all life.

Do not commit adultery.

Lord, help us to honour and trust the marriage relationship.

Do not steal.

Lord, help us to be honest in all our actions.

Do not tell lies.

Lord, help us to be truthful.

Do not be envious of what other people have.

Lord, help us to appreciate what we have.

Let us take these principles and make them our standard of life.

May our words, our thoughts and our actions be acceptable in the sight of God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: BUCKLAND

**In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.**

**Help us, that with eager mind
We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.**

**Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.**

**May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.**

W. C. Piggott (1872 – 1943)

The Beatitudes:

Jesus came preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, and taught his disciples, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.
for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Remain seated.

Let us pray.

TUNE: BE STILL

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found – We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

David J Evans (b. 1957) ©1986 Thankyou Music

God of love and power, we pray for the leaders of the nations; may they know your will, respect human rights, and seek to lead their people in paths of the truth, freedom and peace.



Hymn 244 –

**Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever I am.**

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

**Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.**

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps
And giveth me songs in the night.



Welcome & Celebrations:

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Today: *Natalea Chandler & George Taylor*

Advanced: *Patricia Maynard & Shaina Sandiford (24th), Daphne Lewis & Patterson Williams (25th), Shemar Adams (26th), Ione Jones, M’Akedra Mainarde & Alain Ramsay (27th), Nigel Codrington (28th), Carl Cadogan & Ruby Connell (29th)*

We express condolences to and pray for:

- † Sis Kathleen Forde on the passing of her husband, Bro Carl Forde.
- † Sis Grace Sandiford and family on the passing of her mother, Edith Taitt.
- † Bro Edwin Sandiford and family on the passing of his uncle, Beresford Small.



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1 – 8

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

- 2 **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**
- 3 **For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**
- 4 **For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:**
- 5 **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**
- 6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;**
- 7 **Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;**
- 8 **Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.**



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13 – 20

- 13 **When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**
- 14 **And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.**
- 15 **He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?**
- 16 **And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**
- 17 **And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**
- 18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**
- 19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**
- 20 **Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.**



Hymn of Preparation: 235 –

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 317 –

**Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers,
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side**

Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Not for weight of glory,
Not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army,
Raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth
Lives for whom he died:
He whom Jesus nameth
Must be on his side.
By thy love constraining,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with thine own life-blood,
For thy diadem;
With thy blessing filling
Each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free.
By thy grand redemption,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round his standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For his truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.

Master, thou wilt keep us,
By thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side;
Saviour, always thine!



NOTICES & CONCERNS

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: Exchange of Pulpit
Worship – 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

✝ **Missionary Rally at Centenary – Sunday, 23rd, 8:00 a.m.**

✝ **Bethlehem & Faith Deeper Life Services Online – Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 – 7:30 p.m. FaceBook & YouTube. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **From the Provincial Board:**

- ✝ **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.**
- ✝ **The Rev. Vankys Isaac who currently serves as the Pastor of the Bethany and Emmaus Moravian congregations on St. John, Virgin Islands Conference, has accepted a call to serve as the Associate Pastor of the Nisky Moravian Church in St. Thomas Virgin Islands Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2020. Please pray for Bro. Isaac and family as they make this transition and continue in the service of the Lord.**
- ✝ **Our brothers and sisters in Trinidad, Tobago, and the Virgin Islands Conferences have once again been sent into lockdown and congregational worship has been curtailed. Let us keep them in prayer as we also take all the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of Covid19.**
- ✝ **A Pastoral Team has been selected to lead the ministry at Emmaus and Bethany on St. John, in the Virgin Islands Conference effective September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The team is led by Lay Minister of Christian Education, Sis Monique Richards, as Lay Pastor, with support from Retired Pastor, Rev. Ralph Prince, and Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference Rev. Eulencine Christopher. The**

Provincial Board is confident that this Pastoral Team will enhance the work of ministry at Emmaus and Bethany while the Call Process continues. Please pray for Sis. Richards, Bro. Prince, and Sis. Christopher and their families as they rise to this new challenge to serve the kingdom of God and the people of God.

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.
5. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



Let us say together:

Lord, as we go from this service in church, strengthen us for service in the world: that the words of our worship may find expression in our daily life, to the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



Doxology –

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Organ Postlude



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, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.



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.**

