



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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The Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind
rent the mountains, and brake n pieces the rocks
before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the
wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the
Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the
earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the
fire: and after the first a still small voice
1 Kings 19:11-12

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Welcome: We assemble for worship today knowing that in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. A sincere welcome is extended to you; including those who are receiving our livestream on YouTube, and those who are joining us by way of radio broadcast on CBC – Q 100.7 FM. 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: Jesus spoke to the disciples and said,
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

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Hymn: 28 – *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 313 – *Fight the Good Fight*

Notices & Concerns

The Doxology (*Sung*)

Organ Postlude



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THE FIRST ORDER

All standing – these sentences are said responsively:

Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

He is our God; we are the people he cares for, those for whom he provides.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise.

For the Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts for ever.

Hymn or Psalm

Opening Hymn: 28 –

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.**



The First Order (continued) (p. 1 – Liturgy Book)

A call to repentance is issued such as:

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit. A humble and repentant heart, O God, you will not reject. Since we have complete freedom to go into the most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and pray together saying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ hear us.

God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

God, the Son, Saviour of the world,
Heal us and make us whole.

God, the Holy Spirit, guide and comforter,
Remain with us for ever.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.

Let us give thanks to the Father who rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safely into the Kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free and our sins forgiven.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. 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.**

Let us pray that we may hold fast to the truth of Christ amid all the dangers and temptations of life.

From indifference to the love shown in your suffering and death,
From error and misunderstanding,
From pride, vanity and hardness of heart,
From selfish ambition,
From acceptance of the false standards of this world,
From greed and materialism,
From envy, hatred, malice and every prejudice,
From unnecessary perplexity and anxiety,
From all sin,

Save us O Lord.

Let us find strength and comfort in Christ.

By your humble birth and holy life,

By your baptism, fasting and temptations,
By your obedience and faithfulness,
By your enjoyment of the Father's good gifts,
By your ministry in word and deed,
By your giving of yourself to others,
By your prayers and tears.

Bless and comfort us, O Lord.

The readings with hymns or psalms or canticles

The intercessions – a selection from the following, with any special prayers for the day.

Prayer for the Church:

Lord, you are the Head of the Church. Direct and watch over it, so that it may be a faithful instrument of your purposes. Strengthen and support those who suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Unite the people of God as one family. Increase our understanding of the mystery of God. Use us to show ever more clearly the glory of your life, death and resurrection.

Hear us, O Lord

For the Mission of the Church:

Watch over all who work for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Let your Spirit and power inspire their witness by word and deed. Give to bishops and ministers a true understanding of your word and a Christ-like concern for your people. Guide those who bear office and strengthen all your people for mission, to witness and serve in love.

Hear us, O Lord.

For the Nations of the World:

Guide, in the ways of justice and peace, all who have responsibility for ruling the nations of the world. Give wisdom to those in authority. Deliver us from the sin which gives rise to war and violence. Teach us so to order our life together that the kingdoms of the world may reflect the Kingdom of God.

Hear us O Lord

For Everyday Life:

Lord, bless the people of this land. Cleanse us from all evil. Teach us to serve one another in love. Help us to be faithful in our daily lives, and give us the strength to withstand the adverse pressures and influences of modern society. Grant peace and

safety with justice for all. Strengthen family life and grant wisdom and understanding to those with responsibility for the care and nurture of children and young people.

Hear us, O Lord.

For Those in Need:

Lord, send help to all in distress or danger. Defend the defenseless, comfort the lonely and sad. Support the sick, the anxious, and the bereaved, and in their weakness and suffering let them know your love. Comfort the dying with your presence and peace and with the hope of eternal life.

Hear us, O Lord.

Closing prayers:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Receive our prayer.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Accept us as your people.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Give us your peace.

Doxology:

Now to him who is able to keep us from falling and to bring us faultless and joyful before his glorious presence, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority, from all ages past, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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Today: Anmari Cumberbatch

Advanced: Loretta Parris-Husbands (10th), Clifton Clarke & Steve White (11th), David Chandler & Kimberley Turton (12th), Christon Davis & Etwin Parris (13th), Alyssa Ifill (14th), Royle Deane (shut-in), Sian Cumberbatch & Nairee Maynard (15th)



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:9 – 18

- 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?**
- 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**
- 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:**
- 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.**
- 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?**
- 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine**

altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

- 15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
- 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.
- 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.
- 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22 – 33

- 22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
- 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
- 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
- 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
- 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
- 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
- 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
- 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

- 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.
- 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.



Hymn of Preparation: 169 –

**Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide
O'er every thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from thee may ne'er depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with him for ever blessed;
Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fullness of joy for ever there.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 313 –

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be**

Thy joy and crown eternally.

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before thee lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on thy guide,
His boundless mercy shall provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**



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 Worship – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Provincial Board:

✠ **The August 13 Festival will be celebrated in an online service on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There will be participation from all Conferences as we collectively call on God to “let the power fall.”**

✠ **You can join in via the Calvary Moravian Church's YouTube Channel. Looking forward to worshipping with you.**

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).



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- ✝ We acknowledge and express gratitude for the gift of BD\$500 from the family of the late Sis Editha Garner (mother of Sisters Orrin & Hilda Williams), to be directed to our Pew Fund.



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, Carl Forde, 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.**

