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OF ME



Sunday, August 2, 2026

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We assemble for worship today knowing that in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. We welcome one and all – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We give special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region as they celebrate another anniversary with us. Welcome.

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

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WATCHWORD: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. *(Psalm 145:9)*

Provincial Theme 2026:

***“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power –
Moving as One!”***



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Litany for Emancipation (p. 187 – CMP Liturgy Book)

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Prelude
Invitation to Worship



EMANCIPATION

All standing.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us!
Spirit of the living God,
Sanctify this space.
Spirit of the living God,
Fill us with light and grace and strength.
Spirit of the living God,
Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us!

TUNE: GATHER CHRISTIANS

*Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.
Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.
Gather, Christians, behold He comes.
Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!*

To God the Father, let's give Him praise.
To God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above,
Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!

Garfield Rochard, b. 1943.

All seated.

Let us confess our sins:
***Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people
who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do***

not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.

We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.

We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.

We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. ***Amen.***

All standing.

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

We give you thanks.

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

We give you thanks.

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

We give you thanks.

TUNE: RIGHT HAND

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And rescued now from shame
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;

So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

Patrick Prescod (1932 – 2013).

All seated.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All standing.

TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

And give him the glory!

Great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us,
Great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Frances van Alstyne (1820 – 1915).



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“But this I say; he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

Offertory Hymn: 298 –

They who tread the path of labour
Follow where my feet have trod;
They who work without complaining,
Do the holy will of God;
Never more thou needest seek me;
I am with thee everywhere;
Raise the stone, and thou shalt find me;
Cleave the wood and I am there.

Where the many toil together,
There am I among my own;
Where the tired workman sleepeth,
There am I with him alone.
I, the peace that passeth knowledge,
Dwell amid the daily strife;
I, the bread of heaven, am broken
In the sacrament of life.

Every task, however simple,
Sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and mercy,
Done to man, is done to me.
Nevermore thou needest seek me;
I am with thee everywhere;
Raise the stone, and thou shalt find me;
Cleave the wood, and I am there.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Welcome & Celebrations



Greetings from the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region



Notices



Adoration in Song: *“As The Deer Panteth For The Water”*

*As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone doth my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

*I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver*

And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 1 – 5
– Bro. Darwin Dottin

1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
2. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.
4. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13 – 21
– Sis. Sian Cumberbatch

13. When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.
14. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.
16. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
17. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.
18. He said, Bring them hither to me.
19. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
20. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.
21. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.



Hymn of Preparation: 284 —

O Thou, who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

2 There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me;

4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

1762. C. Wesley.



Sermon – – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 204 –

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! – 'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing it softly thru the gloom,
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Give the winds a mighty voice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Let the nations now rejoice.
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;

Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves,
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. 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.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.

Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the

purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be
all honour and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he
had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *‘Take, eat, this
is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.’*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 334 –

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E’en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
‘Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!’

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I’d be
Nearer, my God to thee.
Nearer to thee.

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me,

In mercy given,
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer to thee.

Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer to thee.

Or, if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer to thee.



Hymn 347 –

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.



Hymn 350 –

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

**Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.**



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *‘Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.’*

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 263 –

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank

Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.



Hymn 260 –

O happy day that fixed my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

*Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!*

O happy bond, that seals my vows
To him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
While to that sacred shrine I move.

'Tis done; the great transaction's done;
I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
He drew me and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

Now rest, my long-divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;
Here have I found a nobler part,
Here heavenly pleasures fill my breast.

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear!
Till in life's latest hour I bow,
And bless, in death, a bond so dear.



Hymn 231 –

O COME, my Saviour, come,
And claim my heart as thine;
Make it the humble, happy home
Of peace and love divine.

Cast out the carnal mind,
The world and sin cast out;
Pluck out the eye that looks behind,
Scatter all fear and doubt.

My lukewarmness rebuke,
Self and its workings quell,
And chase from every secret nook
The brood of death and hell.

Thy Spirit and thy blood
Cleanse my polluted heart;
Yea, let the purifying flood
Reach to the inmost part.

Create my heart anew,
An upright spirit give;
My soul with light and love endue,
And bid me rise and live.

O come, my Saviour, come,
And let my spirit be
Thy blood-bought, consecrated home,
A temple fit for thee.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving
such as the following is offered:*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 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.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows

which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

AMEN.

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn: 599 –

*We covenant with hand and heart,
To follow Christ, our Lord;
With world and sin and self to part,
And to obey his word:
To love each other heartily,
In truth and in sincerity,
And under cross, reproach and shame,
To glorify his name.*



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



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Today: Winston Gibbs

Advanced: Barbara Murphy-Rock (4th), Keesha Walrond (8th)



Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary on August 3, 3026.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore

THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. The Division of Youth and Culture in attendance
 - † Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore
 - † Moravian Church 260 FEST Theatrical Production – 6:00 p.m. at the Frank Collymore Hall. Tickets – \$75.



Activities in the Month of August 2026:

- † Rev. Parris on vacation – August 4th – 27th
- † Church Choir on vacation.
- † Moravian Church 260 FEST Theatrical Production – Sunday, 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the Frank Collymore Hall. Tickets – \$75.
- † Missionary Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Missionary Rally at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Missionary Service at Mount Tabor – Tuesday, 18th, at 7:00 p.m.
- † Sharon Summer Sundays Closing Ceremony – Sunday, 30th



**TICKETS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - 1.1. Pastor Wycliffe Morton who recently graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor in the St. Kitts Conference. Pastor Morton will serve as a Supplementary Minister. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026. Please pray for Bro. Morton and family as he answers this call.
 - 1.2. The Rev. Daniel Mark who currently serves as Pastor of the Bon Accord and Black Rock congregations in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.3. Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel who currently serves as Pastor of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Black Rock congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.4. Rev. Liselle Roberts who currently serves as Pastor of the Moriah congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Bon Accord congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.5. Please pray for Bro. Daniel Mark, Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Sis. Liselle Roberts, and the respective congregations as they embrace these transitions.
 - 1.6. The Provincial Family extends congratulations to Rev. Nasel Ephraim on her election as a Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum, Bishop serving in the Moravian Church in North America, Northern Province. Bishop Elect Ephraim is the first black female to be so elected in the Moravian Church in North America. The election took place at the recently held Synod of the Northern Province.
 - 1.7. Bishop Elect Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher will be consecrated Bishop on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Moravian Church in Miami, Florida.
2. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 30, 2026, the Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

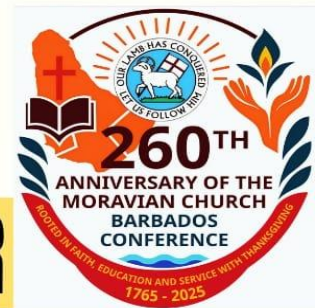
3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:

3.1. On August 9, 2026 our Moravian Church will present a Theatrical Production “Moravians Got Talent” at the Frank Collymore Hall at 6:00 p.m. This production marks the 260 years of Moravian Ministry here in Barbados and will portray the Moravian Church in Barbados from then until now, in spoken word, creative dance, drama and music; showcasing talent from across our 11 churches. The producers are the reknown Sis. Cecily Spencer-Cross (Executive Producer), Bro. Ishiaka McNeil, Sis. Janelle Hall and Sis. Desma Linton. Tickets are available at \$75 from our Church Office, the Moravian Conference Office here at Sharon, the Calvary Moravian Church Office on Roebuck Street and the Brittons Hill Dispensary. This is production you cannot miss.

3.2. As we approach the culmination of our 260th Anniversary Celebrations, MORAVIAN FEST 260, the Moravian Church Barbados Conference will be holding a Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony on September 19, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Savannah Beach Club Hotel, Hastings Main Road, Christ Church. You are invited to join us for an unforgettable evening as we honour individuals and team who have gone above and beyond in the service of Christ and the church. The Dinner and Awards Ceremony is BD \$200. A payment plan is available for May 15 – Aug 15, 2026.



MORAVIAN HISTORY MOUNT TABOR



Part 1

In 1823, Edmund Haynes, proprietor of Mount Chance in St. John, Barbados, petitioned the Moravian Church's mission secretary to send a missionary to preach to the roughly 240 enslaved people on his Haynesfield Plantation. He offered a house, two acres of land, and £60 a year toward the missionary's support, hoping neighbouring plantations might send their people to attend as well.

It took until 1825 for the Church to find someone for the post: Rev. David Lichtenthaeler, an American who arrived that August to find the house and a stone chapel already built. He had fallen ill with a severe cold in St. Kitts before arriving and never recovered, managing only one service before dying in February 1826.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

4. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
5. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 5.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 5.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 5.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 6.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - 6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 6.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - 6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **BUILDING FUND Envelopes** – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes 2026** – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2026** – 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.
- † **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- † **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- † **Books:**
 - ▣ **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.**
 - ▣ **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
 - ▣ **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.**
- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO: *T'shura Hinds who recently graduated from the George Browne College, Toronto, Canada with the Fashion Business Industry Diploma.*



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:** *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis.*
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PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. Nehemiah 13:2*

Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God's purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. Community Engagement

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**





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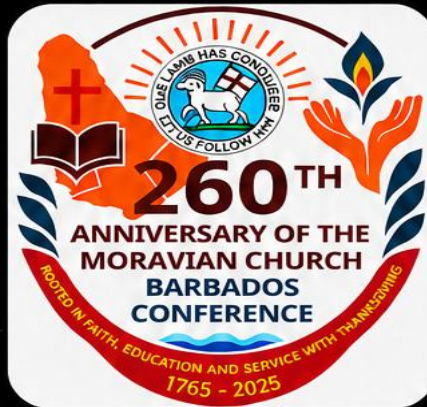
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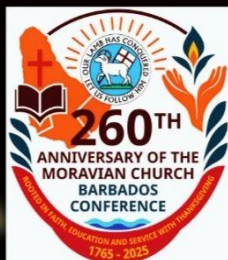
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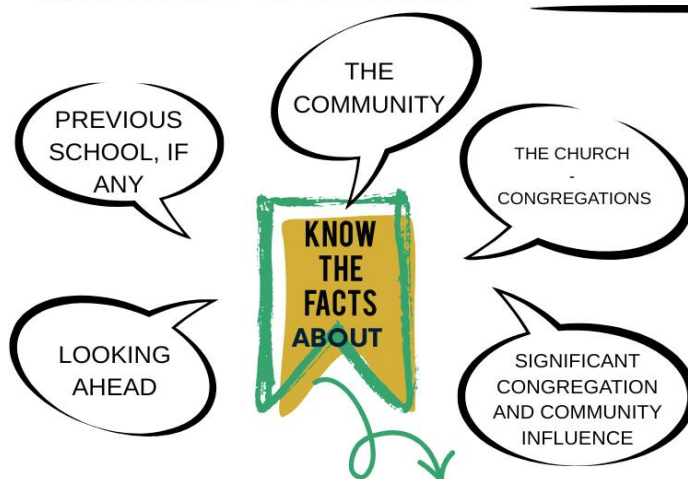
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MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
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- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
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| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
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