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Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord." Welcome, as we celebrate our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ on this World Communion Sunday. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. May the love of God overflow in our hearts, that we pursue and find the fellowship to which we are called in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris
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WATCHWORD: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
(Psalm 118:22, 23)

Provincial Theme 2026:

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





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1, 2

Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

Congregation: *Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

Opening Hymn: 495 – “O Praise Ye the Lord!”

Litany: CHRISTIAN UNITY (Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“I have showed you all things, how that in your labour you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).*

Offertory Hymn: 397 – “The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1 – 7 – Bro. Tevye-Kaori Parris

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33 – Sis. Brenda Mascoll

Choir Anthem – “Come Share The Lord”

Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 546 – “A Charge To Keep I Have”

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HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 1 – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 560 – “Come Take By Faith”
334 – “Nearer My God To Thee”
191 – “I’ve Found A Friend”

Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 2 – “Let Us Drink Wine Together”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 155 – *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*
557 – *“Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh And Bless”*
730 – *“I Cannot Tell Why”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 36 – *“Praise To The Holiest In The Height”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Organ Postlude



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1,2):

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name forever and ever.

Congregation: *Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name
forever and ever.*



Opening Hymn: 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;

Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!



CHRISTIAN UNITY

(To be used on Worldwide Communion Sunday)

(Standing)

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

Tune: DUKE STREET (22Q) - # 26

*Lord of all being, throned afar,
your glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of ev'ry sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!*

*Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before your ever blazing throne
we ask no luster of our own.*

(Kneeling or sitting)

We now that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. And we have left undone those deeds of loving-kindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

Tune: BEECHER - # 273

*Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in you inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.

Help us rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.

Teach us to know and love the worldwide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witnesses and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and our creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The Liturgist offers prayer)

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying,

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.

(Standing)

*Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;
for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice
Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.*

*One the name in which we pray, one our Saviour day by day;
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov'nant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.*

From the Moravian Book of Worship, North American Provinces.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“I have showed you all things, how that in your labour you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).*

Offertory Hymn: 397 –

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation

Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.



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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 – *Bro. Tevye-Kaori Parris*

1. Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard.
My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.
3. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
4. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?
5. And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:
6. And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 33 – 46 – *Sis. Brenda Mascoll*

33. Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:
34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.
35. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.
36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.
37. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.
38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.
40. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?
41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
44. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
45. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.
46. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.



Choir Anthem – *“Come Share The Lord”*



Sermon – – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 546 –

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
A rest to gain on high:

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage

To do my Master's will!
Arm me with watchful care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And still on thee rely,
And let me not my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.



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 560 –

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransom from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



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 191 –

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He loved me ere I knew him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus he bound me to him;
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am his, and he is mine,
Forever and forever.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He bled, he died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But his own self he gave me.
Nought that I have mine own I call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all
Are his, and his forever.

I've found a friend, O such a friend!
So kind, and true, and tender!
So wise a counselor and guide,
So mighty a defender!
From him who loves me now so well
What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No! I am his for ever.



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:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***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 155 –

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.



Hymn 557 –

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek,
That from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Then share with us in love divine,
Thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.



Hymn 730 –

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!



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: 36 –

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive, and should prevail:

And that the higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In man for man, the foe,
The double agony in man
For man, should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!



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: 447 –

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



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



Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: *“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.”* Welcome, as we celebrate our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ on this World Communion Sunday. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. May the love of God overflow in our hearts, that we pursue and find the fellowship to which we are called in Christ Jesus.



Today: Davonte Brathwaite

Advanced: Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6th), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7th), Zenaida Ramsay & Ranfield Reid (8th), Hazel Carter (10th)



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: World Communion Sunday

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

† Adventures in Worship (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).

At Sharon:

† 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.

† Board of Stewards Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. (*Topic – Walking In Our Blessing – A Study of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*). Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

At Dunscombe:

† Monday: Youth Fellowship – 7:30 p.m.

† Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – 6:00 p.m. (First & Third Tuesdays)

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. (*Topic – Walking In Our Blessing – A Study of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*). Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

† Next Sunday:

At Sharon:

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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

At Dunscombe:

† Worship: Missionary Festival & Rally – 8:00 a.m.

† Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

† (Third Sundays) Men's Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.



Activities in the Month of October 2026 – Women's Fellowship Month

† Women's Fellowship Activities for the month:

- Fellowships will host the Moravian Voice Radio Programme (Life 97.5 FM, 9:30 a.m.):

- Thursday, October 1st – Grace Hill
- Thursday, October 8th – Mount Tabor
- Thursday, October 15th – Clifton Hill
- Thursday, October 22nd – Calvary
- Thursday, October 29th – Fulnec

- Exhibition & Pop up Market – Saturday, 17th, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Venue: D. C. Moore Centre (Sharon). The Exhibition opens at 1:00 p.m. Stall Spaces available at \$40.00.
- Women’s Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 18th.
- Quiz – Monday, 19th, 7:00 p.m. online.
- Candlelight Service – Sunday 25th., 4:00 p.m. at the Grace Hill Moravian Church, Spooner’s Hill.
- ✚ Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 11th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✚ The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 24th, 6:00 am.
- ✚ Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Grace Hill Moravian Preschool Fish Fry – Saturday, 31st, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Dunscombe’s Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2026 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$6,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Envelopes. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
2. Sharon’s Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2026 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
3. You are invited to a grand Independence Luncheon in Celebration of Barbados’ 60th Anniversary of Independence and our 5th Anniversary as a Republic on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at the D. C. Centre, Sharon; under the patronage of the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P. Contribution: \$60.
4. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - 4.1. As of October 18, 2026, the congregations of Sharon, Dunscombe, Clifton Hill, and Centenary in the Barbados Conference will be grouped into a new pastorate, with a pastoral team comprising of Bishop Ezra Parris, Rev. Delroy Burley, and Rev. David Ince.
 - ✚ Bishop Parris, Bro. Burley and Bro. Ince have accepted individual calls to serve this pastorate as follows:

- ✠ Bishop Ezra Parris – Team Leader/Pastor, having primary responsibilities for the Sharon congregation.
 - ✠ Rev. David Ince – Associate Pastor, having primary responsibilities for the Centenary congregation while assisting Bishop Ezra Parris at the Sharon congregation.
 - ✠ Rev. Delroy Burley – Associate Pastor, having primary responsibilities for the Clifton Hill and Dunscombe congregations.
 - ✠ Please pray for Bishop Parris, Rev. Ince, and Rev. Burley and their families as they answer the call of God in this season.
- 4.2. The Provincial family extends condolences to Rev. Vera Waithe and family as they mourn the death of her brother, Bro. Clarence Greaves. Bro. Greaves died on Saturday, September 26, 2026 in Barbados. Please pray for Sis. Vera and family in their time of grief and loss.
- 4.3. The Rev. Nasel Ephraim will be consecrated as a bishop of the Unitas Fratrum on Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 4:00 p. m. at the Redeemer Moravian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rev. Ephraim was elected at a Synod of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in North America. She is the first black female to be so elected in the Moravian Church in North America.
5. From the Superintendent:
- 5.1. As part of the celebrations marking the 260th Anniversary of the Moravian Church in Barbados, the Barbados Conference hosted a special Awards Ceremony on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at which eleven individuals – one from each congregation – were honoured for their outstanding and faithful service to the Church.

Congregation	Honouree	Areas of Recognition
Bethlehem	Sis. Enid Harris	Lifetime of Service; Hospitality & Care; Stewardship & Generosity; Music & Arts
Calvary	Sis. Sheila Chase	Lifetime of Service; Stewardship & Generosity; Music & Arts
Centenary	Bro. Andrew Parris	Lifetime of Service; Music & Arts; Leadership & Governance
Clifton Hill	Sis. Corlette Euretha Garnes	Lifetime of Service; Leadership & Governance; Music & Arts

Dunscombe	Rev. Movelle Gladwyn Kellman	Lifetime of Service; Leadership & Governance; Youth & Education; Hospitality & Care; Community Impact
Faith	Sis. Maria Erline Barker	Lifetime of Service; Youth & Education
Fulnec	Sis. Marvo Hope	Lifetime of Service; Hospitality & Care; Stewardship & Generosity; Youth & Education
Gracehill	Sis. Norma Forde	Lifetime of Service; Youth & Education
Mt. Tabor	Bro. Glyne St. Hill	Lifetime of Service; Leadership & Governance
Penuel	Sis. Grace Farrell	Lifetime of Service; Stewardship & Generosity
Sharon	Sis. Gloria Iona Skeete	Lifetime of Service; Leadership & Governance; Youth & Education; Music & Arts; Hospitality & Care

5.2. Special Recognition

During the evening we also expressed deep appreciation to The Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris for his dedicated service as Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Barbados Conference, from 2017 to 2026. We thank Bishop Parris for his leadership and stewardship, and pray God’s continued blessing upon him.

5.3. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our honorees. We also express sincere thanks to all members, ministers, leaders, volunteers, committees, congregations, friends, and supporters of the Moravian Church for your prayers, participation, generosity, and faithful support throughout this anniversary year. Together, let us continue to be:

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

May God continue to bless the Moravian Church!

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



MORAVIAN HISTORY SHARON



Part 4 Church Growth 1

The work at Sharon continued to grow, though very slowly. At the beginning of 1800, the congregation consisted of 150 baptized members. At the end of the year 1827, the congregation numbered 581 members and by 1831, the membership had risen to 915.

It was from Sharon that the Moravians extended their reach to other parts of the island, as it provided a permanent, accessible location to serve as a launching point for wider missionary activity. The Moravian service and good influence that was pioneered in Barbados at Sharon, particularly in terms of day schools and moral and religious instruction, has been maintained across the years until now. So that we can point to ministers and leaders, both lay and clergy, who have used their gifts, their time and talent to help, to educate and to edify the masses.

Sharon is more than a historic building—it is a legacy of faith, Christian service and perseverance through some 230 years at the current location, by which both the spiritual and educational life of our community and nation continues to be shaped.



7. From the Moravian Institute:

The Moravian Institute is pleased to announce that registration is officially open for the 2026/2027 academic year! As you seek to fulfill God's call on your life, we are excited to offer 5 distinct academic programs designed to equip and empower you for ministry:

7.1. Lay Pastor's Certificate: This program provides foundational training in pastoral care, church administration, and basic theology for individuals called to assist or lead local congregations. Graduates can use this qualification to serve as assistant pastors, oversee church campuses, or step into congregational leadership roles where ordained clergy are unavailable.

- 7.2. **Lay Preacher's Certificate:** Focused on biblical interpretation and homiletics, this course equips individuals to study, construct, and deliver faithful, compelling sermons. It is designed to prepare ministers to reliably fill the pulpit, lead mid-week services, or preach during outreach events and church missions.
- 7.3. **Certificate in Mission & Evangelism:** This track equips students with effective strategies and theological grounding to share the Gospel and engage in practical community outreach. Leaders can utilize this training to direct local community programs, lead short-term mission trips, or mobilize congregations to fulfill the Great Commission.
- 7.4. **Certificate in Counselling:** Providing a Christ-centred framework alongside basic pastoral counselling skills, this program prepares individuals to offer empathetic, biblical guidance to those facing life challenges. It empowers believers to establish or support church counselling ministries, offer grief and family support, or provide care during crises.
- 7.5. **Certificate in Christian Education:** This course equips students with teaching methodologies and curriculum planning tools tailored for spiritual formation across all age groups. Graduates can apply these skills to oversee Sunday schools, develop adult discipleship classes, or design educational programs for youth and Bible study ministries.
- 7.6. These programs are specifically structured to help you grow spiritually and align with our Provincial Vision: to remain Grounded in Faith while actively fulfilling the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

Why Choose The Moravian Institute?

- 7.7. **Experienced Leadership:** Learn directly from our team of highly qualified Pastors and seasoned church leaders who bring deep spiritual wisdom and practical ministry experience to the classroom.
- 7.8. **Equipped for the Modern World:** We are ready to help our people grow and be trained in vital skills like technology and business, ensuring our leaders are fully prepared to make a meaningful impact on the world today.

Key Details & Next Steps

- 7.9. **Course Details & Registration:** Visit www.themoravianinstitute.com to view full program structures, available course descriptions, and application forms.

7.10. Financial Options: Flexible payment plans are available to assist students with tuition costs.

7.11. Enrolment: Registration is open today – secure your spot early to prepare for the upcoming academic year.

Join us today as we learn, grow, and serve together!

8. 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.

9. We are thankful for your financial support.

9.1. 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.

9.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

9.3. 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.

10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

10.1. 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.

10.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

10.3. 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>).

10.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



Our 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, 1 st 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



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.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

At Sharon:

- † *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

At Dunscombe:

- † *Sis. Maureen Boyce.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

At Sharon:

- † *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis, Bro. Alvin Maynard.*

3. World Peace



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what's happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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).**





Moravian Women's Fellowship

BARBADOS CONFERENCE

Exhibition and Pop-Up Market



Saturday,
October 17, 2026



D C Moore
Conference Centre
Sharon Moravian Church,
St Thomas



10:00 a.m.
to 4:00 p.m.

Stall spaces available at

\$40.00



Food on Sale

Please contact:



Yvette Cumberbatch-Chase @ 237-7282
or Claire Edwards @ 850-9669



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TICKETS: \$50

**Grace Hill Moravian Church Grounds
Spooner's Hill, St. Michael**

October 31st, 2026 | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE! **CELEBRATING** **BARBADOS at 60**

Gathering in Gratitude & National Pride

*The Pastor and Members of the Sharon Moravian Church
invite you to share in an*

INDEPENDENCE LUNCHEON *in celebration of*

Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence,
Under the Distinguished Patronage of The Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P.

on Sunday, November 29, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Venue: D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas

Contribution: \$60.00