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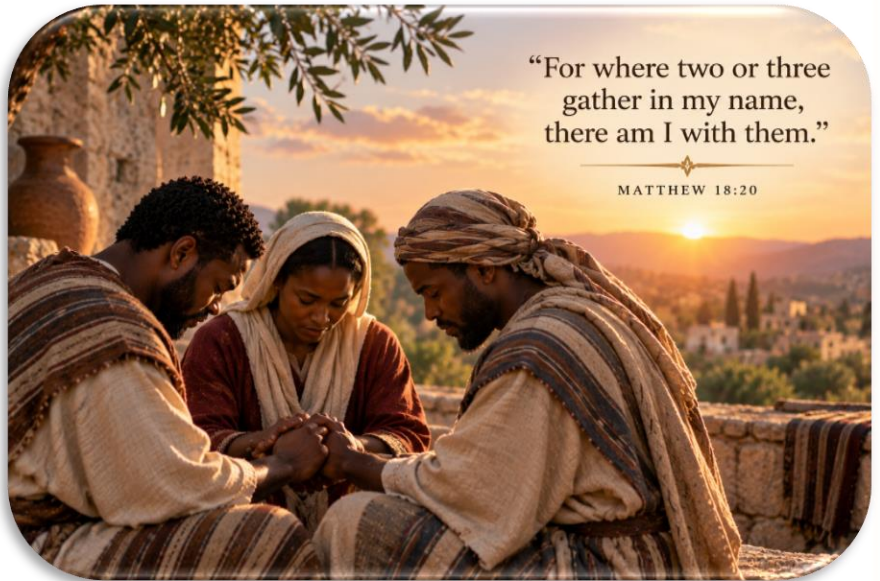
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DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME



“For where two or three
gather in my name,
there am I with them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome is extended to one and all today as we again meet for worship, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We come together, knowing that God who is faithful, meets us here, to *comfort, strengthen, and settle us*. Welcome to all.

Pastor: *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*
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Associate Pastor: *Rev. David Ince*

WATCHWORD: Give me understanding, O Lord, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

(Psalm 119:34)

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 149:1-4):

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Congregation: *Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.*

Hymn 485 – “Praise Him, Praise Him – Jesus, Our Blessed Redeemer”

The Sixth Order (p. 30 – Liturgy Book)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. (Psalm 103: 1 – 2)*

Offertory Hymn: 270 – “He Pardoned My Transgressions”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings – *Bro. Anthony Ifill*

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

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Adoration in Song

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8 – 14 – *Bro. Victor Hurdle*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15 – 20 – *Bro. Edwin Sandiford*

Choir Anthem – “Songs For The Journey”

Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 281 – “I Am Thine O Lord”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 576 – “With Deep Devotion”

581 – “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

582 – “By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored”

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

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 264 – *“In Heavenly Love Abiding”*
197 – *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”*
580 – *“My Heart Is Resting, O My God”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 588 – *“For The Bread And For The Wine”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 597 – *“We Are One In The Spirit”*

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



Prelude

Introit – Choir

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Opening Hymn: 485 –

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.
Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.
Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.



THE SIXTH ORDER

All standing.

Jesus said, 'I am the good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand'.

'I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

Let us pray:

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, and this is the word that we have from him:

'The Lord our God, the Lord is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.'

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

'And the second is like it, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Remain seated.

TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION

*Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise be ever thine,
That thy word to us is given,
Teaching us, with power divine,
That the Lord of earth and heaven,
Everlasting life for us to gain,
Once was slain, once was slain.*

Christian Gottfried Clemens (1743-1815)

Let us pray:

The Christ Litany

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, hear us.

By your human birth in likeness of sinful flesh,

Make our bodies your holy temple;

By your homely toil at the carpenter's craft,

Show us the worth and blessedness of labour;

By your baptism with water and the Spirit,

Grant us your spirit in the fellowship of your Church;

By your victory in all temptation,

Strengthen us for the daily fight with sin;

By all the gracious words that proceeded out of your mouth,

Make the fruit of our lips to glorify God;

By your healing all manner of sickness,

Send us to minister to those who suffer;

By your feeding the multitude with bread,

Make us mindful of the needs of the world;

By your going about doing good,
Show us the righteousness of heaven;
By your being poor in the things of the earth,
Make us rich towards God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: ST SIMON

*O thou whose human life for us
Did happiness obtain;
Thou who, expiring on the cross,
God's image didst regain;
We bless thee for the gifts restored
Through thy humanity;
Beneath thy shadow, Son of Man,
'Tis good thy child to be.*

Frederick William Foster (1716-1835), alt.

By your transfiguration on the mount,
Show us the divine glory under the veil of flesh;
By your royal entry into the holy city,
Show us the peaceful glory of your reign;
By your holy supper with your disciples,
Keep us in fellowship with you and your people;
By your agony in Gethsemane,
Help us to say at all times, 'Your will be done;'
By your sufferings and death on the cross,
Show us the weight of the sin which you bore for us;
By your rising again from death to glory,
Lead us on to victory over sin and death;
By your going before us into heaven,
Prepare there a place even for us;
By your sending the Holy Spirit,
Abide with us always even unto the end of the world;
By the blessed hope of your coming again,
Keep us in watchfulness and prayer.

Remain seated.

TUNE: DER SABBATH

O form us all, while we remain
On earth, unto thy praise;
That each one fully may attain
Thy blessed aim through grace:
Till we in heaven thy face shall see,
May spirit, soul and body be
Preserved by thee against that day
Blameless, O Lord, we pray.

Moravian Liturgy 1793, anon.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in your vast kingdom, who stand in need of your grace and help. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, together we may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. (Psalm 103: 1 – 2)*

Offertory Hymn: 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – *Bro. Anthony Ifill*



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 & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Romans 13: 8 – 14 – *Bro. Victor Hurdle*

8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
9. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
11. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.
13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 15 – 20 – *Bro. Edwin Sandiford*

15. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
16. But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
17. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.
18. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
19. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.



Choir Anthem – “Songs For The Journey”



Sermon – – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



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 576 –

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



Hymn 581 –

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;

Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness:
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.



Hymn 582 –

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We 'take and eat' – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite

By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessed hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,
But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



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 264 –

In heavenly love abiding
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure:
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.



Hymn 197 –

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



Hymn 580 –

My heart is resting, O my God,
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but Thine shall fill;
For the waters of the Earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
The hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
To long loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
Who hast made all things mine;
O draw my captive will to thee,
And make it one with thine.



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: 588 –

For the bread and for the wine,
For the pledge that seals Him mine,
For the words of love divine,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,
Bidding all our sorrows cease,
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye
To the cross of Calvary,
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,
Type of Him on whom we feed,
Him who liveth and was dead;
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;
As we at His table sup,
Eye and heart are lifted up!
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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: 597 –

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,

We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.



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

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Today: **Kadeem Turton & Marcia Cox**

Advanced: **Tremaine Babb (8th), Joshua Waithe (10th), Betty Bryan (11th), Victor Hurdle & Jordonna Herbert (12th)**



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.
- † 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).
- † 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. (*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.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore



Activities in the Month of September 2026:

- † Minister's Covenant Day – 16TH
- † Faith Missionary – 20TH at 8:00 a.m.
- † Sharon Senior's Sunday – 20TH
- † Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 22ND at 9:30 a.m.
- † Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 26TH at the D. C. Moore Centre, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at \$25.
- † Bethlehem Missionary – 27Th at 10:00 a.m.
- † Moravian Church Barbados 260th Anniversary Closing Service – Sunday, 27TH at Calvary Moravian Church at 4:00 p.m.



**TICKETS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1.1. The annual Widows' Offering will be received on September 20 and 27, 2026. Please give generously as we honour the faithful service of the widows of our late ministers. We also invite you to remember these women in prayer: Sis. Lynda Prout, Sis. Deborah Challenger, Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs, Sis. Myrtle Miller, and Sis. Cleatus Jones. In 2025, approximately EC\$24,000 was received on their behalf.**
- 1.2. The Chairman will be out of office from September 4 to 23 to attend the biennial Unity Board meeting in Calgary, Canada, and then take leave. Please direct any urgent matters to Bro. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair.**
- 1.3. The Provincial Board announces the acceptance of Mrs. Shelé Johnson Edwards as a candidate for the Supplementary Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. Sis. Johnson-Edwards is a member of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference. She will begin her online studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies in the 2026-2027 academic year. Please pray for Sis. Johnson-Edwards and family as she answers the call of God in this season.**
- 1.4. 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.**
- 1.5. 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. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:

2.1. 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.



Part 1 The Origins and Influence of the Sharon Moravian Church

The Moravian Mission in Barbados began on September 26, 1765, with the arrival of missionaries John Wood and Andrew Rittmansberger. Their faith and endurance were soon tested when Bro. Rittmansberger died of fever on October 15, 1765. Left alone, Bro. Wood lost heart and gave up his calling, turning instead to secular work. After learning of Bro. Rittmansberger's death, the Mission Board appointed Bro. J. Fozzard of Yorkshire, England, to replace him. He arrived in Barbados in June 1766 but died of fever within a week.

The work truly began in May 1767, when Bro. Benjamin Brookshaw arrived from Bedford, England. After purchasing land in St. Thomas and repairing a partially ruined house on the property, he dedicated Barbados's first Moravian mission station on Christmas Eve 1767 and named it Bunker's Hill, an area now known as Old Sharon in St. Thomas.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

3. 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:

3.1. 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.

- 3.2. **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.
- 3.3. **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.
- 3.4. **Certificate in Counselling:** Providing a Christ-centered 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.
- 3.5. **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.
- 3.6. 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?

- 3.7. **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.
- 3.8. **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

- 3.9. **Course Details & Registration:** Visit www.themoravianinstitute.com to view full program structures, available course descriptions, and application forms.
- 3.10. **Financial Options:** Flexible payment plans are available to assist students with tuition costs.
- 3.11. **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!

- 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



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, 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



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:** *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.*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences to and pray for the family of Bro. Victor Bedford on his passing.*
4. **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).**



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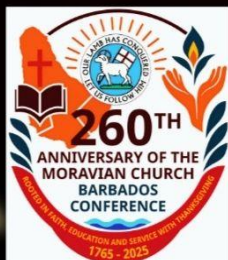
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19TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

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SEPTEMBER 27



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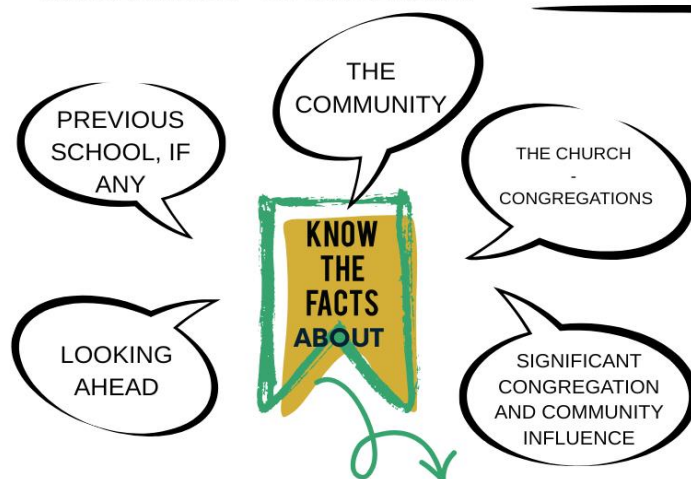
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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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