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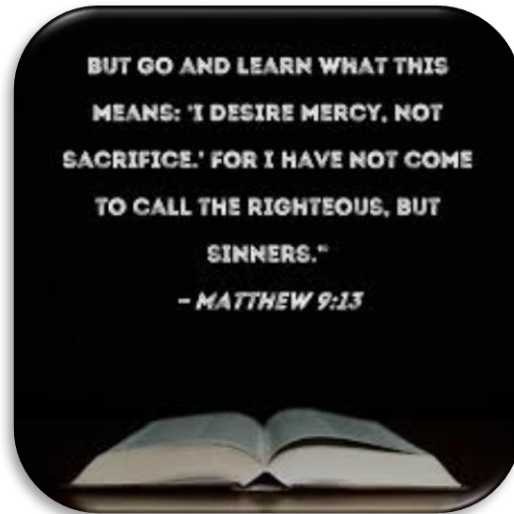
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DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME



BUT GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS
MEANS: 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT
SACRIFICE.' FOR I HAVE NOT COME
TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT
SINNERS."

- MATTHEW 9:13

Sunday, June 7, 2026

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With the love of Christ we welcome one and all to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. This is a house of prayer for all people! May God bless us richly as we worship and fellowship. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

(Hosea 6:6)

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 89:1, 5

Leader: I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

People: *And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.*

Opening Hymn: 28 – *“Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”*

Liturgy: The Sixth Order of Public worship (p. 30 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matt. 6:20, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 191 – *“I’ve Found A Friend”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6 – *Sis. Evelyn Greenidge*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:9 – 13 – *Bro. Patrick Cadogan*

Choir Anthem – *“Behold The Lamb”*

Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Closing Hymn: 290 – *“O Jesus I Have Promised”*

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: 154 – *“Jesus Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts”*

211 – *“Just As I Am Without One Plea”*

557 – *“Shepherd Of Souls Refresh And Bless”*

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

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 264 – *“In Heavenly Love Abiding”*



155 – “*The Lord’s My Shepherd*”
580 – “*My Heart Is Resting, O My God*”
201 – “*I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus*”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – “*We Bless Thee For Thy Peace, O God*”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 595 – “*We In One Covenant Are Joined*”

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



Prelude

Introit – Choir

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Opening Hymn: 28 –

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

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

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

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

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



THE 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: *“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matt. 6:20, NIV).*

Offertory 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.



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 Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Hosea 5: 15 – 6:6 – *Sis. Evelyn Greenidge*

15. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea 6

1. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
2. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
3. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.
4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.
5. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.
6. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 9: 9 – 13 – *Bro. Patrick Cadogan*

9. And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
10. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.
11. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?
12. But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.



Choir Anthem – “Behold The Lamb”



Sermon – – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Closing Hymn: 290 –

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly

Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



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 154 –

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.



Hymn 211 –

Just as I am – without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.



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.



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 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 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.



Hymn 201 –

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,
Trusting only thee,
Trusting thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:
At thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:
Thine can never fail;
Words which thou thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;

I am trusting thee for ever,
And for all.



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: 266 –

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep –
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.



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: 595 –

We in one covenant are joined,
And one in Jesus are;
With voices and with hearts combined,
His praise we will declare:
In doctrine and in practice one,
We'll love and serve the Lord alone;

With one accord sound forth his praise,
Till we shall see his face.



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: With the love of Christ we welcome one and all to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. This is a house of prayer for all people! May God bless us richly as we worship and fellowship. Welcome.



Today: Christopher Greenidge & Athelstan Lawrence

Advanced: Keisha Lewis (8th), Evelina King-Harper (9th), Victor Carrington (11th), Danielle Holloway (12th), Allison Greenidge-Thomas (13th)



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 Centre

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 (Letter to the Philippians) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of June 2026:

- † Father’s Day – 21st
- † Adventures In Worship Cake Sale – 21st, after worship. The proceeds of these fund-raising activities will go towards the annual “*Summer Sundays*” programme.
- † Sharon Women’s Fellowship 84th Anniversary Quiz – Tuesday, 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. in Sanctuary.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Sharon Women’s Fellowship will be celebrating their 84th Anniversary on June 22, 2026. On Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., the Fellowship will be holding a Quiz, in Sanctuary, Sharon’s Men vs. Women. Questions are based on Matthew Chapters 7 & 8.
2. From the Superintendent:
 - 2.1. As we celebrate 260 years of witness and service in Barbados, the Moravian Church will hold a Thanksgiving and Commitment Service preceded by a March of Witness, on the First Sunday of July at Six Roads, St. Philip.
 - 2.2. There would be no joint service on the morning of that Sunday, July 5th (the Sunday nearest to the July 6th John Hus Festival, normally

- referred to as Convention Sunday). Congregations would remain at home and those who celebrate the Lord's Supper on the First Sunday would do so.
- 2.3. The March will commence at 3:30 p.m. on July 5th at the Princess Margaret Secondary School and proceed through Emerald Park to the grounds of the Faith Moravian Church, for a service celebrating Moravian ministry in song and in dance, as we commit ourselves to Christian principles in like manner to John Hus.
 - 2.4. Congregations are invited to wear their colours and to invite relatives and friends to come celebrate with us.
3. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
- 3.1. Rev. Roslyn Hamblin, Pastor of the Bethlehem and Faith Congregations in the Barbados Conference, applied and was granted furlough from June 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026. Your prayers and encouragement are requested for Sis. Hamblin as she makes this transition.
 - 3.2. Warm congratulations are extended to Bro. Wycliffe Morton, who graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) on May 13, 2026, with a Certificate in Ministerial Studies. He pursued the course over two years – one year online and one year on campus – and will serve the church in the Supplementary Ministry in the St. Kitts Conference. Bro. Morton was recognized for his contribution to the music ministry and the campus environment at UTCWI.
 - 3.3. Please continue to pray for Sis. Melissa Bart of the St. Kitts Conference, who will complete her studies at UTCWI online during the 2026 – 2027 academic year. Sis. Bart transferred to the Diploma in Ministerial Studies, which has additional requirements for completion.
 - 3.4. You are invited to a Service of Appreciation to mark the retirement of Rev. Vera Waithe from the active pastoral ministry of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province. Rev. Vera Waithe proceeded to official retirement on April 30, 2026 after more than forty-five years of faithful service to the Province; first as a Minister of Christian Education in the Antigua and Barbados Conferences, and then as Pastor in the Barbados Conference, primarily of the Clifton Hill and Centenary Moravian Churches. The service will be held on June 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sharon Moravian Church, Sharon, St. Thomas, Barbados (rather than at Clifton Hill as previously

announced). Please invite relatives and friends and all who might have received her ministry, or shared in ministry with her, to join us as we celebrate with Rev. Vera.

3.5. We regret to advise that due to unforeseen circumstances, Provincial Youth Camp (PYC) 2026 has had to be postponed. Our sincerest apologies are extended for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused.

4. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 30, 2026, the Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

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

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

5.1. 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. A payment plan is available for May 15 – Aug 15, 2026.



MORAVIAN HISTORY CLIFTON HILL

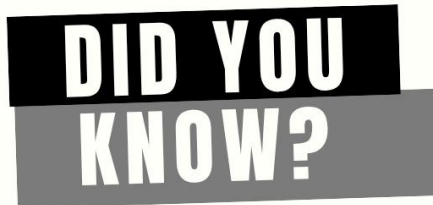


Clifton Hill Moravian Church Part 1

Clifton Hill, located in the parish of St. Thomas was the fourth Moravian Church to be established in Barbados. It was established during an active period of expansion of the work in the Moravian mission work in here, that occurred between the years of 1839 and 1841.

On January 22, 1839, the cornerstone was laid for a new building at Clifton Hill, on land that had been donated from nearby estates. It was dedicated on June 26 that same year. Originally, the building served as a day school and Sunday School and remained a “chapel of ease”, administered by the Sharon Church until June 1841 when it became a full congregation with the transfer of several members from Sharon where membership was still increasing. Brother John William Humberstone arrived as resident missionary. He was soon succeeded by Brother Laurence Frederick Oerter.

A new school was built in 1846 which meant that Clifton Hill was now operating two day-schools and contributing to the rich legacy of education being created by the Moravian mission in Barbados.



- 6. 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.**
- 7. We are thankful for your financial support.**
 - 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 7.3. 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.
8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 8.1. 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.
 - 8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 8.3. 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>).
 - 8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes, Sis. Violet Ellis.*

3. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences to and pray for:*
- † *Bro. Olson Stewart and family on the passing of his wife Patricia Stewart.*
 - † *Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall on the passing of her cousin Anthea Bryan.*
 - † *Sis. Zenaida Ramsay and the Collymore and Alleyne families on the passing of her brother Grattan Alleyne in the USA.*
 - † *The family and friends of Bro. Dalrymple Boyce on his passing.*
4. **World Peace**



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.
- † **MORAVIAN FEST 260 Cards (My Special Anniversary Gift)** – You are invited to set aside and / or invite others to join you raising \$260 to support the work of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference, as we celebrate the 260th Anniversary of the commencement of Moravian work on the island.
- † **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.**



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PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

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

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

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

2. Community Engagement

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

3. Sustainability

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

4. Asset Utilization

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





MORAVIAN CHURCH - BARBADOS CONFERENCE

Service of Appreciation

to mark the Retirement of

Rev. Vera Waithe

*from the active pastoral ministry of the
Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province*

**Sunday,
June 14, 2026**

4:00 PM

Sharon Moravian Church

*Join us as we honour over
45 years of service,
guidance, and faith.*



The Mount Tabor

MORAVIAN CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE

Father's Day

Luncheon & Chinese Auction



Sunday, June 21, 2026



Mount Tabor Church Grounds



1:00pm – 3:00pm

please come & enjoy!!

ADULT
\$60.00

CHILDREN
(12 & UNDER)
\$30.00



CALLING ALL MORAVIANS

The Moravian Church Barbados Conference is participating in the Prostate Walk organised by the Barbados Cancer Society



**SUNDAY
JUNE 28, 2026
3:00 P.M.**

Starts and finishes at the Garrison Savannah

**PROSTATE CANCER
WALK & RUN**

TOGETHER WE STAND!!

Let's support our husbands, brothers & sons



RUN:

Start at the Garrison - Right unto Paddock Road - Left to Dalkeith Road - Left at the lights, quick right unto Culloden Road - On to Pine Road, down Tweedside Road - pass the Globe Roundabout to Weymouth - then Roebuck Street, turning left on to Crompton Street - Right at the junction onto St. Michael's Row - Left at the lights to go across Chamberlain Bridge to Bay Street - back to Garrison Savannah

T-Shirt
 **\$35** per person

WALK:

Travel the same route as the Run until lights at Culloden Road and Collymore Rock - turn left onto Lower Collymore Rock - go pass the roundabout by Q.E.H to River Road - turn left at the traffic lights by Freedom Square to Bay Street and back to Garrison Savannah

Registration Deadline **Monday 8th, June, 2026**

Interested persons contact Conference Office: 537-7390 or Sis Margaret Howard: 232-7626

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR THE BETTER HEALTH OF OUR MEN!

**MORAVIAN CHURCH BARBADOS
CONFERENCE - MORAVIAN FEST 260**

\$200

Payment Plan
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May 15 - Aug 31, 2026



**LALA DINNER
&
AWARDS CEREMONY**

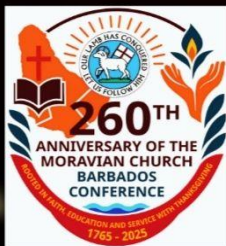
Join us for an unforgettable evening as we honour individuals and teams who have gone above and beyond.

19TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

**SAVANNAH BEACH CLUB HOTEL
HASTINGS MAIN ROAD, CH CH**

Parking will be available next door

6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.



Dress Code: Formal Attire



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Eastern West Indies Province

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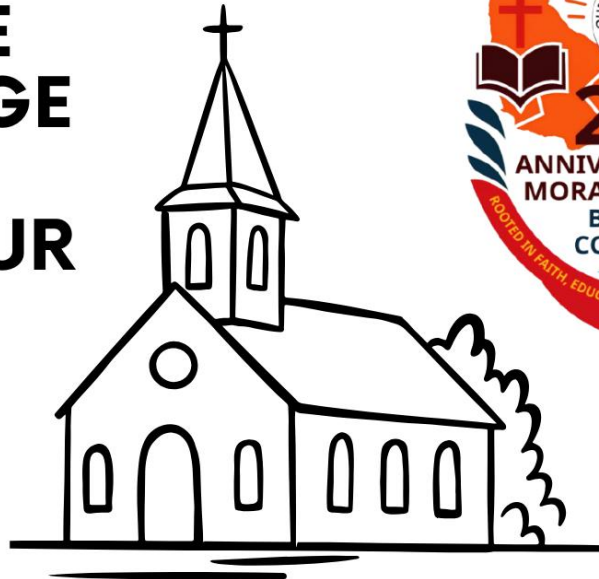
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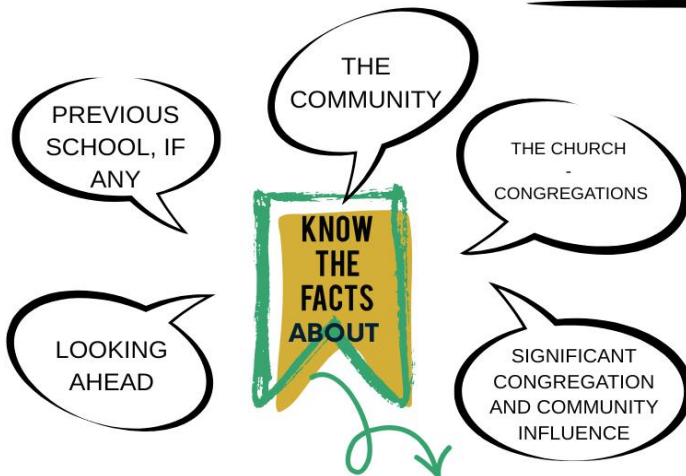
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CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



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

• 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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