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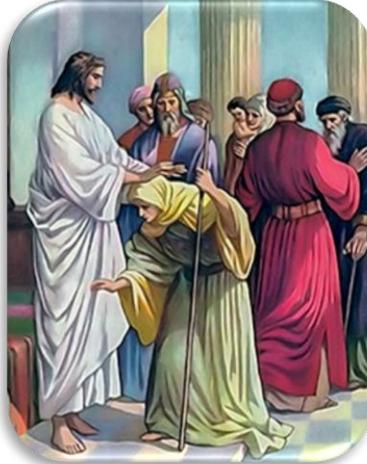
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Sunday, August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: The Scriptures bid us to *rejoice in the Lord always*. We welcome each and everyone to worship today, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. It is our prayer that the abundant love of God would flow over us and fill our hearts with joy. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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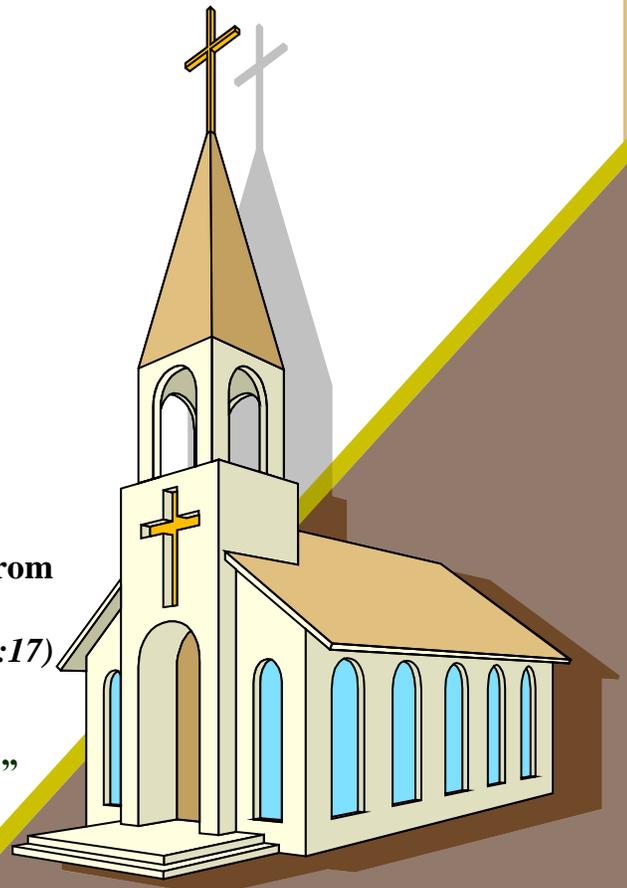
Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.

(Psalm 103:17)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."

***Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation***



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: *“I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies”* (Psalm 57:9 – 10, NIV).

Opening Hymn: 474 – *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

A Canticle of Praise (p. 235 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much”*

(Luke 16:10, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 197 – *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology – *“Give Thanks”*

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 103: 1 – 8

Second Scripture Reading: St. Luke 13: 10 – 17

Hymn of Preparation: 208 – *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet . . .”*

Sermon – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*

Hymn of Reflection: 211 – *“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 198 – *“To God Be The Glory”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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.



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Opening Hymn 474 –

COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Osler (1798 – 1863)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the father, Son
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of this life:

Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,

He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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(Luke 16:10, NIV).

Offertory 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.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 103: 1 – 8

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
7. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
8. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 13: 10 – 17

10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
12. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
14. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
15. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?
16. And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
17. And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.



Hymn of Preparation: 208 –

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me;
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be,
 As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 And mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess, within the veil
 A life of joy and peace.



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Hymn of Reflection: 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.



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 198 –

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

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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



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Today: Xavier Archer & Fraulene Headley

Advanced: Harriet Skeete (22nd), Natalea Chandler (23rd), Patricia Maynard & Shaina Sandiford (24th), Daphne Lewis & Patterson Williams (25th), Shemar Adams (26th), Ione Jones, M'Akeda Mainarde & Alain Ramsay (27th)

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 at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School – Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School – Summer Sundays (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of August 2022:

† Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.

† The Choir will be on break for the month of August.

† Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2022



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**
2. **From the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC): As a Province, we extend sincerest condolences to:**
 - † **The Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith and family on the passing of his aunt, Judy Grant who passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Funeral arrangements are pending.**
 - † **The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor and family on the passing of his Barbados born, adopted mom, Mrs. Daphne E. Bispham. Sis. Bispham passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Funeral arrangements are pending.**
 - † **Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins, Lay Member of the PEC on the passing of her eldest brother, Wilton Junior Moore who passed into the nearer presence of God on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, in Montreal, Canada. Funeral arrangements are scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in Montreal, Canada.**
 - † **Please keep Bro's. Smith, Connor and Sis. Miggins in your prayers, asking that God will comfort them and remind them that, "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."**
 - † **Prayers are requested for Sis. Launée Richards and Bro. Stratton Browne as they represent the Province at the Unity Heritage Tour from August 10-25, 2022. The theme of the tour is, "Crossing Borders Unity Youth Heritage Tour Tanzania." The activities are structured to help participants gain knowledge of the Moravian world (the Unity) and in this case, the Moravian Church on the Continent of Africa, deepen Moravian connections, and appreciate the diversity in customs and practices across Provinces. Participants are expected to return to their Province, share their experience, and continue in the ministry of the church. Sis. Launée and Bro. Stratton are from the Antigua Conference.**
3. **We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.**
4. **We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.**
 - † **For our Green Offering last month, some \$1,070 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter and the next one, a Brown Sunday, is planned for the Fourth Sunday in September.**

- † We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women’s Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - † 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.
 - † Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - † 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.
5. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.
 - † 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.
 - † Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
 - † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - † 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>).
 - † You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



Congratulations,



We extend congratulations to **Sis. Simone Jean-Marie** on having successfully completed her final exams as a medical student, graduating with Honours in Medicine and a Distinction in Surgery.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:** *Of our congregation — Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for:*
 - *Bro. Victor Carrington, Sis Roseanne Eversley and family on the passing of their brother;*
 - *Bro. Edwin Sandiford and family on the passing of his brother;*
 - *The family the friends of Sis. Daphne Bispham on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, August 26, 2022 commencing at 10:00 a.m.;*
 - *Sis. Ruth Bishop and family on the passing of her brother.*
4. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
5. **God's covering during the Hurricane Season**
6. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- ✚ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.**
- ✚ **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- ✚ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- ✚ **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.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
2. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members
7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

