



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.
Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)*



Sunday, February 19, 2023
The Last Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’”* For here we are assured of his presence and testify to his goodness. Welcome to all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. May you be blessed as we worship today.

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WATCHWORD: God said, *“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”*
(Matthew 17:5)

Provincial Theme 2023:

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose,
and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

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Congregation: *All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name."*

Hymn 27 – "O Worship the King"

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Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *"You are so rich in all you have: in faith, in speech, and knowledge, in your eagerness to help and in your love for us. And so we want you to be generous also in this service of love."* (2 Cor. 8:7 TEV)

Offertory Hymn: 284 – "O Thou, Who Camest From Above"

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *"Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks"*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Hymn 238 – "I Was Sinking Deep In Sin"

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12 – 18 – *Bro. Rudolph Best*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1 – 9 – *Sis. Ismay Straker*

Choir Anthem – "Eternal God"

The Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 467 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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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Hymn 27 –

O worship the King;
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love;
Our shield and defender,
The ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
Deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old,
Hath 'stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care

What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might,
Ineffable love!
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
The humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall lisp to thy praise.



THE SECOND ORDER

All standing

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Tune: Pastor Pastorum – # 488

Jesus, stand among us
In your risen power,
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps,
We'll pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of the eternal day.

William Pennefather (1816 – 1873)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Let us therefore ask him who gives generously and does not condemn, to grant us the desire truly to repent, and to increase in us right faith, firm hope and constant trust in God.

Let us pray:

Be merciful unto us O Lord,
And enter not into judgement with us.

Forgive our sins of thought, word and deed; in knowledge or ignorance, in act or intention,
And put them out of remembrance for ever.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within us.

Guide our steps into the way of peace,
And strengthen our hearts to obey your commands.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, giving thanks to his name. *Amen.*

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will
be done;*

on earth as it is in heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation; but
deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power and
the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

*We offer you our humble praise, O Lord, that you have sheltered and upheld us
all our days and brought us safely to this present hour. Above all your gifts we
thank you for your Son Jesus Christ and for salvation in him. You have created
us for yourself that you might confer on us your everlasting kingdom and bring
us to your heavenly glory. For all your mercies we give you thanks; for blessings
known and unknown; for gifts apparent or concealed. We beseech you, O Lord, to
grant that we may run our course in safety, health and joy. Such things as are
good command for us. Give what you will, and what you will, deny. Forsake us
not who put our trust in you, but deliver us from the evil one and all his works,
through the merits of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Tune: Contemplation – 25

When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

Joseph Addison (1672 – 1719)

*The intercessions – a selection from the following, with any special prayers for
the day*

Almighty God, hear us as we pray:

For the leaders of the nation; the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice, Members of the Cabinet, all members of Parliament, Ministers of State, all in the civil service and local government, and community leaders; that they may be guided by your wisdom and be humble in the service of your people.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For national life, that we may be cautious in the issues of freedom, just in the exercise of power, and generous in the protection of weakness. That parents, teachers and all who have care of the young may set a good example. That we may be saved from indifference, self-indulgence and material greed, and that every form of evil may be overcome.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the needs of people in every part of the world (especially in times of conflict and disaster) and for our sense of responsibility to the whole of creation. May we not harm anything you have made, either by neglect or deliberate fault.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For the Church and her witness; may all Christians be led to a full understanding and practice of their faith. For all Church servants that they may be true to their calling. For our own Church in all her Provinces that her light may shine brightly in a dark world.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all in any kind of trouble: the weak, the lonely, the sick and suffering; for all who mourn, that the sad and desolate may find comfort in God.

(Period of silent meditation and prayer.)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to accept the prayers of all who call on you, and in your love to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Glory be to God, our Creator:

Glory be to Jesus, our Redeemer:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, our Guide and Comforter.

All glory be to God most High. Amen.

Tune: Old Hundredth – # 401

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are your mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word:
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Offertory Hymn: 284 –

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

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

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

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



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology

*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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Hymn 238 –

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too,
To Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea
Billows His will obey,
He your Saviour wants to be –
Be saved today.



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12 – 18 – Bro. Rudolph Best

12. And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.
13. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.
14. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.
15. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.
16. And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
17. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.
18. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1 – 9 – Sis. Ismay Straker

1. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
2. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
3. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
4. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
5. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
7. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.
8. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.
9. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.



Choir Anthem – “*Eternal God*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 467 –

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.



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Advanced: Zachary Hoyte, Ashley Marshall, Jaaziel Parris & Jamari Lewis (20th), Keandra Eversley, Simone Jean-Marie & Roseann Lewis (21st), Felicia Best & Ebony Knight (24th)



Congratulations to Bro. Ricardo & Sis. Lelia Gibbs who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 2023.

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 (All Ages) – 10:00 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: ASH WEDNESDAY
 - † Worship – Sharon Primary & L. T. Gay Primary Schools – 9:00 a.m.
 - † Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Conference Fundraising Fish Fry & Karaoke – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † Next Sunday: BLACK HERITAGE SUNDAY

- ✝ Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre





The Moravian Church Barbados Conference

Fish Fry & Karaoke

Sharon Moravian Church 1:00pm – 6:00pm
 St. Thomas

Saturday Feb 25th, 2023 \$30.00 | Drinks on Sale

Come Out & Enjoy!



In the Month of February 2023:

- ✝ Harvest Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 19th
- ✝ Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 22nd
- ✝ Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 26th
- ✝ Black Heritage Sunday – 26th. Come in your Afro wear. Celebrate our identity and heritage.

In the Month of March 2023:

- ✝ World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd
- ✝ Church Leaders Retreat – Saturday 4th online, 10:00 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference.
- ✝ Moravian Unity Sunday – 5th
- ✝ Annual General Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 18th, at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, commencing at 10:00 am.
- ✝ Theological Education Sunday – 26th



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. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**
- 2. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 10, 2023. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets.**
- 3. A Church Membership Class for adults will be started shortly and those who are interested in becoming full members of this church are invited to register. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.**
- 4. From the Chairman of the provincial board of administration:**
 - † Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. March 5, 2023 is Unity Sunday. At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We are requested to pray for the work and witness of our Church Unity as we seek to be faithful to the mission of God.**
 - † A special Unity offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 5, 2023. This offering will go towards creating the Moravian Unity Disaster Fund as required by Unity Synod 2016. This fund will provide assistance in the event of natural or artificial disasters. Please give as you are able.**
- 5. We are thankful for your financial support.**
 - † 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.**
 - † You 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.**
- 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on 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.
- † 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



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“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. – Chairman of PEC



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
 - † **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls (QEH – A5), Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Yvette Gibbs and family on the passing of her cousin in the USA; Sis. Debbie Maynard-Waithe and family on the passing of her father – Collin Deane.*
4. **World Peace**



IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

SIR FRANK WORRELL



Frank Mortimer Maglinne Worrell was born in Bank Hall, Barbados in 1924, but died in his adopted country, Jamaica, in 1967. In cricket he was a part of the West Indies Cricket team with the famous 3 Ws – Worrell, Weekes and Walcott. He became the first black man to captain the West Indies cricket team. For his contribution to cricket, Frank Worrell was knighted in 1964. He was the first cricketer to have a funeral service in Westminster Abbey, following which thousands of Barbadians gathered to watch as his body arrived home for burial. His remains are interred on the hill at the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Moravian Daily Text 2023:

- ➔ American Paperback Edition – \$25
- ➔ American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$31

† Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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 2023 – 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.



