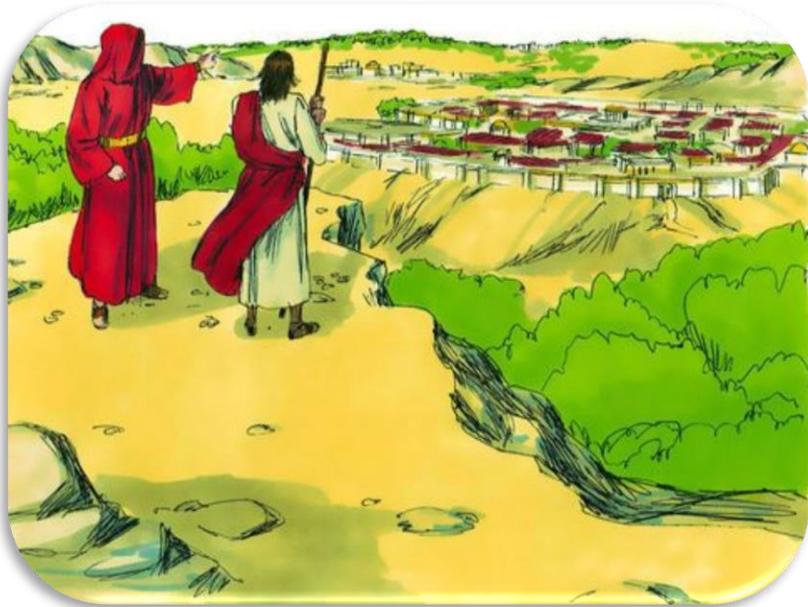


SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 26, 2023

The First Sunday in Lent

BLACK HERITAGE SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them;” Welcome to all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad, as we celebrate African Heritage Sunday. May you be blessed as we worship today.

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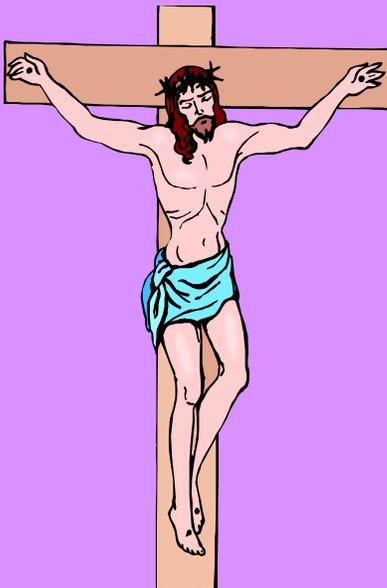
WATCHWORD: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *(Psalm 32:11)*

Provincial Theme 2023:

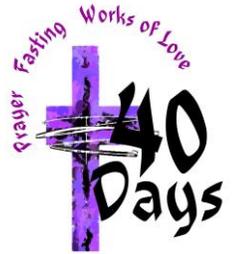
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LENT



ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit

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Congregation: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.

Litany: Lent A p. 113 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”* (Psalm 24:1, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 232 – *“I Am the Way”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15 – 17 & 3:1 – 7

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1 – 11

Choir Anthem – *“Lift Every Voice And Sing”*

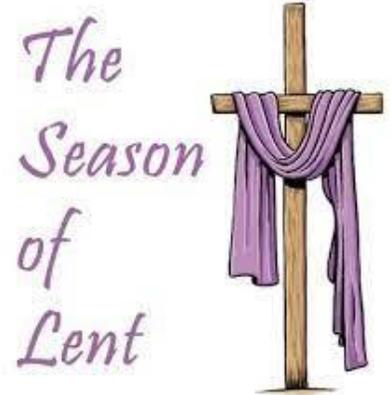
The Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 604 – *“The Right Hand of God”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Lent A

All stand

Tune: DUKE STREET

Give to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt, from darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Give unto us your peace.

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have manifested your great love toward us, for you sent your Son into the world to atone for our sins.

We give you thanks, for you have enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to your people who live in the light.

God has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son;

Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Lord God, Son, the Saviour of the world, because God's children are human beings – made of flesh and blood – the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil.

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

*Minor Chant
(Or read responsively)*

**Thou wast despised and re | jected of | men; || a man of sorrows | and ac | quainted
with | grief.**

*And we hid as it were our / faces / from thee; || thou was: despised, and / we es /
teemed thee / not.*

**Surely thou hast | borne our | griefs; || and | — — | carried our | sorrows:
Yet we did es / teem thee / stricken, || smitten of / God and af / flicted.**

**But thou wast wounded for our transgressions, thou wast bruised for | our in |
iquities: || the chastisement of our peace was upon thee; and | with thy | stripes |
we are | healed.**

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to / his own / way; ||
and the Lord hath laid on thee the in / iquity / of us / all.*

Lord God, Holy Spirit, you descended and dwelt upon the Son; you anointed him to bring Good News to the poor; to heal the broken-hearted; to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.

In Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

Tune: WELLS

(Choir) Now with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and seraphim,
And the church which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn:
Glory to the great I Am,
Glory to the slaughtered Lamb!

(All) Blessing, honour, glory, might,
And dominion infinite,
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit and the Word;
As it was all worlds before,
Is, and shall be evermore.

Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)

From the sin of unbelief,
From all defilement of the flesh and spirit,
From all self-righteousness,
From every neglect of our duty,
From ingratitude and selfishness,
From lukewarmness,
From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

By your holy incarnation and birth;
Your early exile;
Your pure and blameless childhood;
Your willing obedience;
Your humility, meekness, and patience;
Your faithfulness in your earthly calling;
Your perfect life before God and humanity.

Help us, O Christ, to dedicate both soul and body to your service.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death:

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

All sit

Tune: STUTTGART

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

John Bowring (1792 – 1872)

All stand

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood,
By your innocent suffering and dying,
By your rest in the grave,
By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.

Tune: MARTYRDOM

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

William Cowper (1731 – 1800)

Grant, O Lord, that we may abide in you, and walk worthy of God. As a result, we can show others the goodness of God, for he called us out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

O Lord, abide in us that we may abide in you.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Tune: MEDIA VITA Pt. II

(Minister) Most Holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,
(Choir) Holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou eternal God!
(All) Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts of thy death;
Have mercy, O Lord.

Moravian Liturgy 1808, anon.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 232 –

I am the way, the king of the victory
I am the truth, Lord of the Harmony
I am the light, light of the world to be
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend
Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory

*Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Freedom (sister), freedom (brother),
freedom in the life of Jesus
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend
Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory*

I am the vine, you shall abide in me
I am the river, you shall be cleansed in me
I am the rock, you shall have life in me
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend.....

I am your God, rising in victory.
I am your brother, living in flesh with thee
I am your saviour, dying on Calvary
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend



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



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15 – 17 & 3: 1 – 7

15. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
16. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 3

1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.



Hymn 111 –

Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.
 Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.

Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness.
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He was tempted by the devil, in-a the wilderness.
 He was tempted by the devil, in-a the wilderness.

Son of man, Son of man, in-a the wilderness.
 Son of man, Son of man, in-a the wilderness.

Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.
 Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.



Second Scripture Reading: **Matthew 4: 1 – 11**

1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.



Choir Anthem – “*Lift Every Voice And Sing*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 604 –

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
 Writing with power and with love;
 Our conflicts and our fears,
 Our triumphs and our tears
 Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
 Pointing the way we must go;
 So clouded is the way,
 So easily we stray;
 But we’re guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate, and greed;
Our selfishness and lust,
Our pride and deeds unjust,
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And rescued now from shame
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds, and souls;
So wondrous is its touch
With love that means so much
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love;
In these Caribbean lands,
Let his people all join hands
And be one by the right hand of God.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: *Norma Meek*

Advanced: *Clarence Cummings, Claudette Jones & Frances Barker (28th), Cynthia Odle (March 2nd), Brenda Herbert (3rd), Shirley Hall (4th)*

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: **BLACK HERITAGE SUNDAY** (Celebrate our identity and heritage)
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
 - † Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill – 10:00 a.m.
- † **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 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Provincial Day of Prayer – 5:15 a.m. online via Zoom.
 - † Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Church Leaders Retreat – 10:00 a.m. online.
- † Next Sunday: **UNITY SUNDAY**
 - † Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of March 2023:

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – Wednesday 1st online, 5:15 a.m.
- † 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
- † Harvest Festival at Grace Hill – Sunday 12th
- † Annual General Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 18th, at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, commencing at 10:00 am.
- † Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday 19th

- † Theological Education Sunday – 26th
- † Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday 19th



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. From the Chairman of the provincial board of administration:
 - † Our first joint Provincial Day of Prayer for 2023 will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 5:15 a.m. This day is also the birthday of the Moravian Church having been birthed 566 years ago (1457). Let us come together to give thanks and seek the face of God as we look ahead to what God will do next. As usual, the zoom link will be share in time for our prayer meeting.
 - † 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.
4. 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.
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. If you intend to claim on donations made to the Moravian Church when filing for your 2022 income tax return, please request via the Sharon Church Office that a statement be made to the Barbados Revenue Authority on your behalf. You will need to provide your new Tax Identification Number (TIN).
7. 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. World Peace



IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

CARDINAL WARDE



Professor The Honourable Cardinal Warde, CHB, is an award-winning Barbadian entrepreneur, innovator, scientist and scholar. Dr Warde is a professor of electrical engineering and is considered one of the world's leading experts on materials, devices and systems for optical information processing. Cardinal Warde was born in Christ Church, Barbados and attended St Christopher's Boys School, Boys' Foundation and Harrison College. This internationally recognized son of the soil has received the Companion of Honour of Barbados, the country's second highest honour.



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.**



