

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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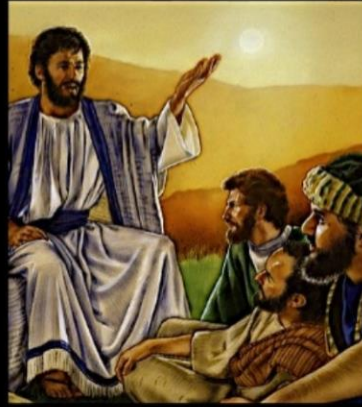
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Sunday, October 10, 2021

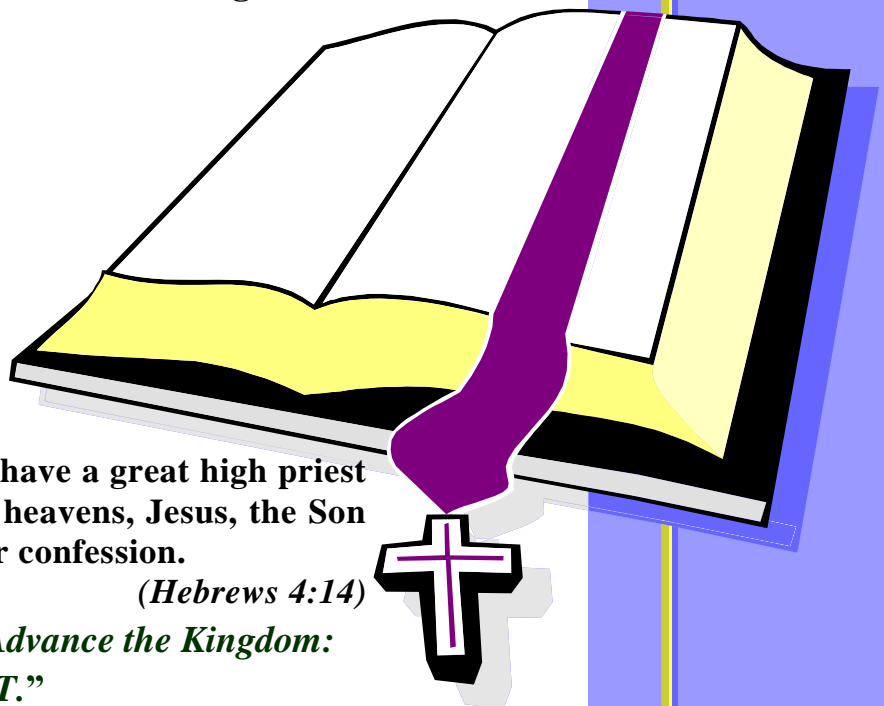
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Life and light and joy are found in the presence of the Lord: . . . Bring to him life's brightest hours, He will make them still more bright. Welcome to this service of worship – you who have come to sanctuary and you who join us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. May the light of God shine upon us. May the peace of God reign in our hearts and lives.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

(Hebrews 4:14)

**Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom:
S.H.I.F.T."**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:6 – 7)

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Congregation: *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.*

Liturgy: Education p. 178, CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Amos 5:6 – 15

Selection

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17 – 31

Hymn of Preparation: 192 – “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 333 – “Walk in the Light”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Amos 5:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³ Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it *is* an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken.

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EDUCATION

All standing.

Tune: Richmond – # 368

**We come this day to give you thanks:
We bring our loudest praise,
Our talents, skills, our hearts and hands
In gratitude we raise.**

**We come and bow before your throne
To pledge ourselves anew,
The ones we teach at school or home
We consecrate to you.**

**Help us to teach only what's right
And keep our conscience clear.
Give us the strength to daily fight
Against the devil's snare.**

2003. Joan Smith and Natalee Smith

Omniscient Creator, with whom is wisdom and might, counsel and understanding, you are perfect in knowledge, and from you come every good gift and every perfect gift. We praise you for the wisdom, power and love displayed in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in all humanity, whom you made to have dominion over the works of your hands.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, the Teacher come from God, Incarnate Word, Eternal Truth, we praise you that you have come to be a light unto them that sit in darkness, and that you have called us to the life of the children of light.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Divine Holy Spirit, our Helper and our Strength, we praise you for revealing unto humanity the deep things of God, dividing your gifts to each one even as you will, witnessing with our spirit that we are children of God, and leading us in the path of the wisdom from above.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

**Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star,
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!**

**Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.**

**Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame!**

Oliver W. Holmes (1809 – 1894)

All seated.

Let us pray.

O Gracious God, who would have all people come to a knowledge of yourself as revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

We remember before you, on this day, every educational enterprise established for the instruction and care of children and youth, in this and other lands: public and private schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries. Enlighten and inspire by your Holy Spirit all who serve in them, to receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity.

O God, hear us, and help us.

Command your blessing upon the schools and colleges of our Church. May all who teach therein themselves be taught of you. Give our trustees and administrators the wisdom and courage which so great a work demands.

Should your servants, in weakness of flesh and spirit, be tempted to doubt and discouragement, do comfort and strengthen them.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the whole educational work of the Church in our congregations at home and abroad. Assist parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord by prayer, instruction and example. Touch by thy Spirit the minds and lives of pastors and teachers so that they may lead our children unto that knowledge which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the children and youth of our homes and schools. Arouse them to diligence in the morning of life. Fill them with the spirit of honour and reverence. Preserve them in honesty and integrity. Keep them in purity and health.

Guide them:

In the search of the Scriptures,
In the study of your wondrous works,
In the pursuit of truth,
In all their thoughts, words and deeds.

And may the example of their Saviour:

In his innocent childhood and youth,
In his willing obedience,
In his unselfish service to humanity,
In his perfect pattern in life and death,
Be their constant inspiration.

O God, hear us, and help us.

All standing.

Tune: St. Leonard – # 446

**Father Supreme by whom we live,
Thou who art God alone,
Our songs of grateful praise receive,
And make our hearts thy throne.**

**May every science, every truth,
Our eager minds explore;
Lead us alike in age and youth
Thy wisdom to adore.**

**May those who teach, and those who learn,
Walk in the narrow road;
In every sphere of thought discern
An ever-present God.**

Edward H. Dewart (1828 – 1903)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Amos 5: 6 – 15

- 6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.
- 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,
- 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:
- 9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.
- 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
- 11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.
- 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.
- 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.
- 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.



Selection



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 17 – 31

- 17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

- 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.
- 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.
- 20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.
- 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
- 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.
- 23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
- 24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!
- 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- 26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?
- 27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.
- 28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.
- 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
- 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
- 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.



Hymn of Preparation: 192 –

“Come unto me, ye weary,
And I will give your rest.”
O blessèd voice of Jesus,

Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that has no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto me, ye wanderers,
And I will give your light.”
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness
And songs the break of day.

“Come unto me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

“And who so ever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O welcome voice of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which calls us, very sinners,
Unworthy though we be
Of love so free and boundless,
To come, dear Lord, to thee!



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 333 –

Walk in the light: and thou shalt own
Thy darkness passed away,
Because that light hath on thee shone
In which is perfect day.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly his
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,
In whom no darkness is.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above.

Walk in the light: and e'en the tomb
No fearful shade shall wear;
Glory shall chase away its gloom,
For Christ hath conquered there.

Walk in the light: and thine shall be
A path, though thorny, bright;
For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee,
And God himself is light.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Hazel Carter

Advanced: Deshawn Carmichael, Cynthia Lewis & Kentish Merritt (11th), Joseph Corbin & Keith Roberts (13th), Hilda Williams & Orrin Williams (15th), Donna Greenidge (16th)



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.
- † 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: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. We continue to look at *“The Christian, the Pandemic and Death.”*
- † Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- † Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 10th, 8:00 a.m.
- † Women's Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:
 - ♦ Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 9th, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - ♦ Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 17th
 - ♦ Impromptu Quiz – Saturday, 23rd, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - ♦ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 24th, 5:00 p.m. (Details to follow)
- † Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 23rd, 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The number we have been permitted for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon has been increased to forty-two (42), which means that, deducting those who support the livestreaming of our services, only twenty-two (22) more can be accommodated. Those who desire to attend should register by calling the Church Office (425-4011)

on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first twenty-two (22) will be accepted. To avoid confusion, registration will only be by direct conversation with the Office Assistant by telephone, for the coming Sunday. Please seek to attend at the most every-other week, to give others an opportunity.

2. From the PEC:

† The Moravian Provincial family expresses condolences to Bro. Anselm Richards, member of the Provincial Board (PEC), on the death of his brother, Johnson Richards, who died suddenly in Tobago on October 5, 2021 at age 60 years. Please pray for Bro. Richards and his extended family in their time of grief and loss. May the peace of God comfort them.

† The Provincial Board has planned a week of engagement and empowerment for Staff and Congregational Leaders for October 25 – 28 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. under the theme “*Making the SHIFT.*”

† October 25 & 26 will be a workshop on “*Strategic Thinking*” led by Beth Lewis of Protestant Church-owned Publishers Association (PCPA) and principal of Getting2transformation.

† October 27 & 28 will be conversations on “*Going Back the way you came: Church and Church planting in this era*” led by Bishop Conrad Spencer and Rev. Algernon Lewis.

† These conversations are meant to help us listen to each other and listen to God, as we look ahead to the 33rd Provincial Synod in July 2022. All Pastors and Congregational leaders are expected to attend.

3. Repairs to the church Organ are in progress and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.

4. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.

† We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

† Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.

† 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. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Ruth Bishop*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: Bro. Dennis and Sis. Julia Depeiza and family on the passing of their son Mario.*
4. The people of the region as we are in the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✦ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✦ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. 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.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least six (6) 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 six (6) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✦ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✦ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

