

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

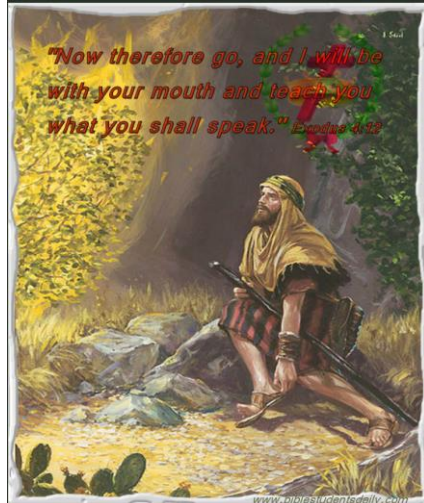
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Sunday, October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Missionary Festival

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all on this Missions Sunday, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Today we celebrate the privilege of being fellow workers with God in the redemption of the world, and we gather monetary gifts for the support of that ministry. May Jesus Christ be praised. Welcome.

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



WATCHWORD: The Lord has done great things
for us.
(Psalm 126:3)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 145: 10 – 12)

Leader: All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

Congregation: *They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.*

Hymn 491– *“O Praise Ye The Lord”*

Litany for Missions p. 174 – CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 4:1 – 12

Choir Selection – *“Here I am, Lord”*

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 14:1 – 9

Hymn of Preparation: 432 – *“Lord, Speak To Me, That I may Speak”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn of Response: 411 – *“Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying”*

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Hymn 439 – *“Facing A Task Unfinished”*

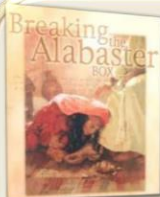
Benediction

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.





Mark 14:1-9 (NKJV)

⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

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Hymn 491 –

*O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord!
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In the firmament of his power, PRAISE HIM!
For his mighty acts let us PRAISE HIM!
For his excellent greatness PRAISE HIM!
O praise ye the Lord.

With the sound of the trumpet, PRAISE HIM!
With the psaltry and harp, O PRAISE HIM!
With the dance and the timbrel PRAISE HIM!
O praise ye the Lord

With the stringed instruments let us, PRAISE HIM!
With the organs, O let us PRAISE HIM!
With the high and loud cymbals PRAISE HIM!

*Let everything that hath breath,
Let everything that hath breath,
Praise the Lord.*



Mission and Evangelism

All standing.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal and you are King forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

You are near those who call to you — who call to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honour you; you hear their cries and save them.

We will ever praise you Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.

TUNE: NATIVITY / 86.86 (CM)

We praise you God for what you did
For those you chose to lead
Who spread God's message near and far,
Planting the Gospel seed.

We thank you for their well-done work
They laboured long and hard.
Fought many battles, many won,
Declaring Christ is Lord!

Lord of all times we honour you
Give us the strength like them
To boldly speak your Word today,
So souls won't be condemned.

2008. Joan A. Smith

Let us pray:

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words and actions which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the Church we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be

distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.

Hear the words of our Lord: *'I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again'*.

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, gave life and breath to everyone. And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called You and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through You I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through You I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark places.

TUNE: JESUS SAVES

We have heard the joyful sound — Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around — Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free To every strand that ocean laves,
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Priscilla J. Owens (1829 – 1907)

God's call to mission summons a response. Today, God asks: whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

Like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips, 'I will go. Send me!'

This is the good news, that through Christ's death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings and live as members of the same body.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

Jesus said: Those who serve me must follow me and the Father will honour them.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ, commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone: grant us a ready will to obey your Word; and as we enter into the lives of others, help us to serve you. Give us greater zeal for mission. Make us more ready and more diligent by our prayers, by our gifts, and by our example to spread abroad the knowledge of your truth and to enlarge the boundaries of your kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us and may we do all to your glory. Inspire our witness to Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. *Amen.*

God, we thank you that through Jesus Christ, you have called your Church to be your light to the world. We pray for the Moravian Unity, the Church Universal and the ecumenical institutions which work for the advancement of God's Kingdom, (the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, the Caribbean Conference of Churches and the National Council of Churches). We lift before you all other Church related organizations that minister your love and saving grace. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

We remember in prayer all who suffer because they have named you as Lord. May they be strengthened to endure every test and trial which comes upon them. Strengthen them in the hour of temptation. Give courage, insight and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the Gospel to those yet unreached. Saviour, grant that your Church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

All standing.

TUNE: MOSCOW

Christ for the world! we sing:

The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing:

The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost, by restless passion tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing:

The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
The new-born souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.

Samuel Walcott (1813 – 1886)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 4:1 – 12

1. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.
2. And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
3. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
4. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
5. That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
6. And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
7. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.
8. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.
9. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10. And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.
11. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?
12. Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.



Choir Selection – “*Here I am, Lord*”



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 14:1 – 9

1. After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.
2. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.
3. And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.
4. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?
5. For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.
6. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.
7. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.
8. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.
9. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.



Hymn of Preparation: 432 –

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou has sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Hymn of Response: 411 –

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Saviour has died.



Financial Report



Courtesies



Closing Hymn: 439 –

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease,
We, who rejoice to know thee,
Renew before thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe thee
To go and make thee known.

Where other lords beside thee
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied thee
Defy thee still today,
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying,
And pass into the night.

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us
To labour for thy sake.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



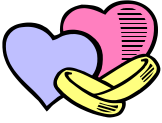
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Today: *Caroline Kellman*

Advanced: *Hazel Carrington, Kristina Carter & Heather Hunte (25th), Jamall Lewis & Nesha Nicholls (26th), Carmen Haynes, Akeem Holder, Dwaine Maynard & Dwight Maynard (27th), Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Talya Layne & Zia McClean (28th), Christon Skeete (29th), Andilla Haynes (30th)*



Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Joan Taylor who will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2021; Bro. Alfred Beckles & Sis. Patsy Turton-Beckles who will celebrate their 9th Wedding anniversary on October 27, 2021.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Heather Hunte in celebration of her birthday.

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.
 - † Women's Fellowship Candlelight Thanksgiving and Rededication Service – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend: please list name (s) so that we can send the Zoom credentials.
- † **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).
- † Monday: **Workshop on “Strategic Thinking” – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
- † Tuesday: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
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- † Wednesday: **Conversations on “Going Back The Way You Came: Church And Church Planting In This Era” – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom**
- † Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 - † **Conversations on “Going Back The Way You Came: Church And Church Planting In This Era” – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom**

† Saturday: The Conference at Prayer – 6:00 a.m. **on Zoom**

† NEXT SUNDAY – Missions Sunday

† Divine Worship at 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 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 & Andilla Haynes*

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. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, October 28, 2021 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*



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.





NOTICE



UPON ENTERING
PLEASE USE
HAND SANITIZER
HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19

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.

