

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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AND JESUS
ANSWERED
HIM SAYING...



**Hear O Israel,
The Lord our
God is One Lord**

MARK 12:29

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Welcome to this time of worship and thanksgiving, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Let us use our lips and our lives to glorify God. Welcome.*

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

WATCHWORD: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

(Deuteronomy 6:4,5)

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



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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.



YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**

WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL**

WITH ALL YOUR **MIGHT**

Deuteronomy 6:5

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS AND SAINTS

All standing

Tune: BEDFORD – # 473

Glory to God whose witness train,
Those heroes bold in faith,
Could smile on poverty and pain,
And triumph e'en in death.

God whom we serve, our God can save,
Can damp the scorching flame,
Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,
For such as love his name.

Lord, if thine arm support us still
With its eternal strength,
We shall o'ercome the mightiest ill,
And conquerors prove at length.

Nicolaus L v. Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)

Leader: After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

All: And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Leader: These are they of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake. They were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. These are they that came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

All: That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple.

Leader: They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.

All: And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Tune: SINE NOMINE – # 351

**For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight:
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

William W. How (1823 – 1897)

All seated.

Let us pray:

Leader –

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we offer unto thee our hearty thanks and praise, for the holy lives of all thy servants, the prophets, apostles and martyrs, who have shone forth as lights in the world, and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank thee for the blessed communion of all thy saints in glory.

We remember before thee all who have departed this life in the true faith, and especially those most dear to us. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, our abiding hope, and the promise of future joy.

Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we, with patience, run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; and obtain an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing

Tune: LANCASHIRE – # 573

**Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
And all the sacred throng
Who wear the spotless raiment,
Who raise the ceaseless song;
For those passed on before us,
Saviour, we thee adore,
And walking in their footsteps,
Would serve thee more and more.**

Horatio Nelson (1823 – 1913)

Leader: God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,

All: For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Leader: Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

All: No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Leader: This is the message from the one who is the Amen--the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

All: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Tune: ALFORD – # 352

**Ten thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steps of light!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates
And let the victors in!**

**Bring near thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain!
Fill up the roll of thine elect;
Then take thy power, and reign!
Appear, desire of nations;
Thine exiles long for home,
Show in the heavens thy promised sign:
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!**

Henry Alford (1810 – 1871)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9

1. Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:
2. That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
5. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
9. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.



Choir Selection – “What Are These?”



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28 – 34

28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.



Hymn of Preparation: 8 –

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!

Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee.

Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Hymn of Response: 291 –

I lift my heart to thee,
Saviour divine,
For thou art all to me,
And I am thine:
Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
That my beloved's mine and I am his?
Thine am I by all ties,
But chiefly thine,
That through thy sacrifice
Thou, Lord, art mine:
By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
Around me, I to thee am closely bound.
To thee, thou dying Lamb,
I all things owe;
All that I have and am,
And all I know:
All that I have is now no longer mine,
And I am not my own; Lord, I am thine.
How can I, Lord, withhold
Life's brightest hour
From thee; or gathered gold,

Or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee,
When thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

I pray thee, Saviour, keep
Me in thy love,
Until death's holy sleep
Shall me remove
To that fair realm, where, sin and sorrow o'er,
Thou and thine own are one for evermore.



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Closing Hymn: 378 –

When all my labours and trials are o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore
Will through the ages be glory for me.

*O that will be glory for me,
Glory for me, glory for me;
When by His grace I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me.*

When by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in Heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face
Will through the ages be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago;
Joy like a river around me will flow;
Yet, just a smile from my Saviour, I know,
Will through the ages be glory for me.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Marjorie Layne & Jacqueline Walrond

Advanced: Beverley Clarke & Dayana Crookendale (Nov. 1st), Keith Hope & Hugh Waithe (2nd), Gregory Nicholls (3rd), Althea Hazzard (4th), Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls (5th), Coral Holder & Michelle Reece-Herbert (6th)

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. via Zoom
- † Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 - † Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



Thank You!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We acknowledge a donation by the DePeiza family of \$500 towards Youth Ministry, in memory of Mario DePeiza.



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 family expresses condolences to retired pastor, Rev. Alban St. Hill of Barbados as he mourns the death of his brother, Bro. Lloyd St. Hill, age 94 years of Barbados. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the Bethlehem Moravian Church.**
 - † Condolences are also extended to the Rev. Bonnie Smith as she mourns the death of her great aunt, Sis. Mary-Ann Stevens, age 95 years, of Old Road, Antigua and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Sis. Mary-Ann died on October 26. The funeral service will be held on November 18, 2021 at Nisky Moravian Church in St. Thomas.**
 - † Please pray for Bro. Alban St. Hill and Sis. Bonnie Smith and their families in their time of grief and loss. May the peace of God cover them.**
 - † The Provincial family rejoices with Dr. Jovanca Smith and Rev. Dr. Ulston Smith on the birth of their son, Jair Dunamis Isaiah Ulston Smith. Baby Jair was born on October 23, 2021 in Trinidad. Both mother and baby are doing well.**
- 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. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and they are available in black, burgundy and navy.**



5. 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.
6. 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: *Sis. Etwin Parris on the passing of her sister, Joan Weekes, in the UK.*
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.

