

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

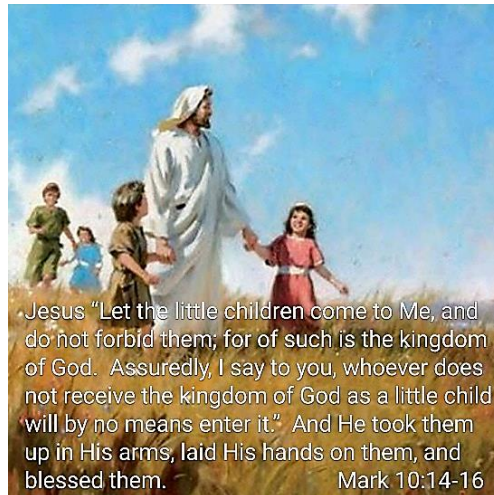
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Jesus "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome: There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6).* 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 we grow in our loving concern for each other and be built up in our common faith as we worship today.

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



**WATCHWORD:** I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
(Hebrews 2:12)

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Organ Prelude**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship: First Order** p. 1, CMP Liturgy Book

**Hymn 341 – “Praise God! Praise God With Singing”**

**Liturgy: The First Order of Public Worship** p. 1, CMP Liturgy Book

**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

**Adoration in Songs & Choruses**

**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:**

**First Scripture Reading:** Genesis 2:18 – 24 — Sis Eula Gibbs  
Selection

**Second Scripture Reading:** Mark 10:2 – 16 — Sis Tracey Nicholls

**Hymn of Preparation: 11 – “Sing Them Over Again To Me”**

**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**

**Prayer of Commitment and Intercession**

**Hymn 135 – “Rejoice the Lord is King”**

**Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**



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## THE FIRST ORDER

*All standing, these sentences are said responsively:*

Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*He is our God; we are the people he cares for, those for whom he provides.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise.

*For the Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts for ever.*

Opening Hymn: 341 –

**Tune: Lob Gott - # 572**

Praise God! Praise God with singing,  
Rejoice thou Christian flock!  
Fear not though foes are bringing  
Their hosts against thy rock;  
For though they here assail thee,  
And seek thy very life,  
Let not thy courage fail thee;  
Thy God shall turn the strife.

O be not thou dismayèd  
Believing little band;  
God, in his might arrayèd  
To help thee is at hand.  
Upon his palms engraven  
Thy name is ever found;  
He knows, who dwells in heaven,  
The ills that thee surround.

His purpose stands unshaken –  
What he hath said he'll do;  
And, when by all forsaken,  
His Church he will renew.  
With pity he beholds her,  
E'en in her time of woe;  
Still by his word upholds her,  
And makes her thrive and grow.

To him belong our praises,

Who still abides our Lord,  
Bestowing gifts and graces,  
According to his word;  
Nor will he e'er forsake us,  
But will our guardian be,  
And ever stable make us,  
In love and unity.



*A call to repentance is issued such as:*

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit. A humble and repentant heart, O God, you will not reject. Since we have complete freedom to go into the most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and pray together saying:

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.***

***Amen.***

Lord have mercy upon us,

***Christ have mercy upon us.***

Lord have mercy upon us,

***Christ hear us.***

God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth,

***Have mercy upon us.***

God, the Son, Saviour of the world,

***Heal us and make us whole.***

God, the Holy Spirit, guide and comforter,

***Remain with us for ever.***

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

***Have mercy upon us.***

Let us give thanks to the Father who rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safely into the Kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free and our sins forgiven.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer:*

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 pray that we may hold fast to the truth of Christ amid all the dangers and temptations of life.

From indifference to the love shown in your suffering and death,  
From error and misunderstanding,  
From pride, vanity and hardness of heart,  
From selfish ambition,  
From acceptance of the false standards of this world,  
From greed and materialism,  
From envy, hatred, malice and every prejudice,  
From unnecessary perplexity and anxiety,  
From all sin,

*Save us, O Lord.*

Let us find strength and comfort in Christ.  
By your humble birth and holy life,  
By your baptism, fasting and temptations,  
By your obedience and faithfulness,  
By your enjoyment of the Father's good gifts,  
By your ministry in word and deed,  
By your giving of yourself to others,  
By your prayers and tears,

*Bless and comfort us, O Lord.*

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

***Prayer for the Church:***

Lord, you are the Head of the Church. Direct and watch over it, so that it may be a faithful instrument of your purposes. Strengthen and support those who suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Unite the people of God as one family. Increase our understanding of the mystery of God. Use us to show ever more clearly the glory of your life, death and resurrection.

*Hear us, O Lord.*

***For the Mission of the Church:***

Watch over all who work for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Let your Spirit and power inspire their witness by word and deed. Give to bishops and ministers a true understanding of your Word and a Christ-like concern for your people. Guide those who bear office and strengthen all your people for mission, to witness and serve in love.

*Hear us, O Lord.*

***For the Nations of the World:***

Guide, in the ways of justice and peace, all who have responsibility for ruling the nations of the world. Give wisdom to those in authority. Deliver us from the sin which gives rise to war and violence. Teach us so to order our life together that the kingdoms of the world may reflect the Kingdom of God.

*Hear us, O Lord.*

***For Everyday Life:***

Lord, bless the people of this land. Cleanse us from all evil. Teach us to serve one another in love. Help us to be faithful in our daily lives, and give us the strength to withstand the adverse pressures and influences of modern society. Grant peace and safety with justice for all. Strengthen family life and grant wisdom and understanding to those with responsibility for the care and nurture of children and young people.

*Hear us, O Lord.*

***For Those in Need:***

Lord, send help to all in distress or danger. Defend the defenceless, comfort the lonely and sad. Support the sick, the anxious, and the bereaved, and in their weakness and suffering let them know your love. Comfort the dying with your presence and peace and with the hope of eternal life.

*Hear us, O Lord.*

***Closing prayers:***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
*Receive our prayer.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
*Accept us as your people.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
*Give us your peace.*

***Doxology:***

Now to him who is able to keep us from falling and to bring us faultless and joyful before his glorious presence, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority, from all ages past, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**



**Adoration in Songs & Choruses**



## **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



## **Ministry of the Word**

### **First Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18 – 24**

- 18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
- 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.
- 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.
- 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
- 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.



## **Selection**





**Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 2 – 16**

- 2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.
- 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?
- 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.
- 5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.
- 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.
- 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;
- 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.
- 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
- 10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.
- 11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.
- 12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.
- 13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.
- 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.



**Hymn of Preparation: 11 –**

**Tune: Words of Life**

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.



**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 135 –**

**Tune: Darwall - # 438**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are unto Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand,  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,  
Jesus our Lord shall come,  
And take his brethren up  
To their eternal home:  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice.



## **The Benediction**



## **Organ Postlude**



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**Today:** *Theresa Alleyne, Lena Cordice & Velma Sealy (3<sup>rd</sup>)*

**Advanced:** *Davonte Brathwaite (4<sup>th</sup>), Chetwyn Hoyte (5<sup>th</sup>), Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6<sup>th</sup>), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7<sup>th</sup>), Zenaida Ramsey & Ranfield Reid (8<sup>th</sup>)*



***Congratulations to Bro. Keith & Sis. Lydia Roberts who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today.***

### 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

‡ **Thursday:** Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



## **IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

‡ **Missionary Festival at Penuel** – Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 a.m.

‡ **Missionary Festival at Dunscombe** – Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.

‡ **Women's Fellowship Month.** Activities for the month:

- ♦ Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 17<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Impromptu Quiz – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. (Details to follow)

‡ **Missionary Festival at Sharon** – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. **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.
3. **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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

4. 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. Walwyn Blackman and family on the passing of his sisters – Janice Alleyne and Pauline Beckles.*



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.

