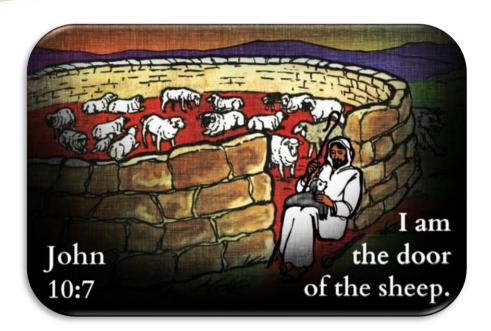


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Sunday, April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "This is the day the Lord has made;" and with hearts and voices His great name we praise. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May the praises go up and the blessings come down. Welcome.

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

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WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

(John 10: 9)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 68:3 & 4):

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them rejoice exceedingly.

All: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the

clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.

Litany – Canticle of Praise p. 235 – CMP Liturgy Book/Projected

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will

supply and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10 RSV)

Offertory Hymn: 155 – "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want"

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: 1 Peter 2:19 – 25 Second Scripture Reading: John 10:1 – 10

Choir Anthem – "Lift High The Cross"

The Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

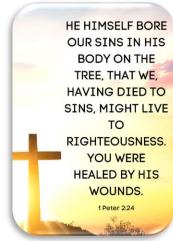
Hymn 273 – "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

Organ Postlude



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Osler (1798 – 1863)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

Praise, O praise our God and King; Hymns of adoration sing; For his mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun Day by day his course to run; For his mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King; Glory let creation sing; Glory to the father, Son And blest Spirit, Three in One.

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of this life:

Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart, He gives me joy and peace, And even when my heart is sad, My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10 RSV)

Offertory Hymn: 155 –

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.



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: 1 Peter 2:19 – 25

- **19.** For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
- **20.** For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.
- **21.** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
- 22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- **23.** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:
- **24.** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

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Second Scripture Reading: John 10: 1-10

- 1. Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- 2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- **3.** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- **4.** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
- **5.** And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
- **6.** This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
- 7. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
- **8.** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
- **9.** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- 10. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.



Choir Anthem - "Lift High The Cross"



Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 273 –

All the way my Saviour leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages –
'Jesus led me all the way!'



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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<u>Today:</u> Marco Alleyne, Cheryl Maynard, Diana Boyce, & Toni Thompson <u>Advanced:</u> Kyler Watson (2nd), Lawrence Walrond (3rd), Kelvin Carter (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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - **♥** Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- † 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.
 - **♦** Meeting of the Board of Stewards in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- ₩ Wednesday: Bible Study 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- **♦** Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- **♦ Next Sunday:** MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY
 - **†** Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
 - ♥ Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of May 2023:

- **†** Prayer Meeting − Saturday, 6th at 6:30 a.m. In-sanctuary.
- **♦ Moravian Music Sunday 7th**
- **♥** Mother's Day Sunday, 14th
- **♦** Moravian Children's Convention Saturday, 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- **♦** Meeting of the Provincial Elders Conference (The Administrative Board of the Province) May 24 28, 2023 in Barbados.
- **₱** Pentecost Sunday, 28th (Testimony Service)



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. From the Provincial Elders Conference:
- **♦** Our next Provincial Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 1, 2023. Conferences and Congregations are invited to set aside time for prayer. At this time of year, we remember all students preparing for final exams and all others in the education system. We also remember the growing tensions around the world including Haiti. Let us also pray for Unity Synod scheduled for September 4 10, 2023 in South Africa. Our intercession should also include this church.
- **Prayer remains a vital ministry for the church to connect and commune with God. Let us continue to hold on in prayer.**
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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. Thora Moore
- 2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls (QEH A2), Sis. Cynthia Eversley
- 3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: The Waithe family, on the passing of Bro. Hugh Waithe.
- 4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- **†** Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition − \$25
- 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: <u>Understanding the Caribbean Worker</u> \$25; Provocation \$20.
- Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: <u>Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914</u> \$50.
- Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: <u>Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water</u> \$35.
- **†** Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.





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Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722. Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415 Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut,1727.

Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707. Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missiona from Herrnhut, 1732

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741
This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Ch. 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)

Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732