



## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** In Galatians 5:1 we are encouraged to “*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.*” With gladness we worship Jehovah for who he is and all he means to us. We rejoice in the freedom he has given us in his Son. Welcome to all.

***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***

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***Rev. Movelle Kellman***

**WATCHWORD:** Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. *(John 6:35)*”

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



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## EMANCIPATION

*All standing.*

Spirit of the living God,  
*Fall afresh on us!*

Spirit of the living God,  
*Sanctify this space.*

Spirit of the living God,  
*Fill us with light and grace and strength.*

Spirit of the living God,  
*Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.*

Spirit of the living God,  
*Fall afresh on us!*

**TUNE: GATHER CHRISTIANS**

*Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.  
Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.  
Gather, Christians, behold He comes.  
Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!*

**To God the Father, let's give Him praise.  
To God the Father our voice we raise.  
To God the Father who reigns above,  
Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!**

*Garfield Rochard, b. 1943*

*All seated.*

Let us confess our sins:

*Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.*

*We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.*

*We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.*

*We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.*

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image.

We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. *Amen.*

*All standing*

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

*We give you thanks.*

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

*We give you thanks.*

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

*We give you thanks.*

*TUNE: RIGHT HAND*

**The right hand of God is lifting in our land,  
Lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name,  
And rescued now from shame  
By the lifting of the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is healing in our land,  
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;  
So wondrous is its touch,  
With love that means so much  
When we're healed by the right hand of God.**

*Patrick Prescod (1932 – 2013)*

*All seated*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*All standing*

**TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

**To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:  
And give him the glory!  
Great things he hath done!*

**Great things he hath taught us, Great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

*Frances van Alstyne (1820 – 1915)*



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**



**Adoration In Songs & Choruses**



**Blessing of Tithes & Offerings**



**Ministry of the Word**

**Scripture Reading:            Exodus 16:2 – 4, 9 – 15**

- 2    And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:**
- 3    And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.**
- 4    Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.**
- 9    And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.**
- 10   And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.**
- 11   And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**
- 12   I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.**
- 13   And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.**
- 14   And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.**
- 15   And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.**



**Second Scripture Reading:            John 6:24 – 35**

- 24   When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.**
- 25   And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?**
- 26   Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.**

- 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
- 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
- 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
- 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
- 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
- 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.



Choir Anthem – – *“Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 236 –

**‘Lift up your hearts!’ we lift them, Lord, to thee;  
 Here at thy feet none other may we see:  
 ‘Lift up your hearts!’ E’en so, with one accord,  
 We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,  
 The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,  
 The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,  
 O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!**

**Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;  
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:  
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,  
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

**Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,  
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,  
Still shall those hearts respond with full accord,  
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**



## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation**



### **The Lord's Supper I**

A Prayer for private preparation:

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.*  
*Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.*

Lift up your hearts:

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**

*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



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.**



557

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock**

**With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.**

**Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,  
As thou when here below,  
Our souls the joys celestial seek,  
That from thy sorrows flow.**

**We would not live by bread alone,  
But by that word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.**

**Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.**

**Then share with us in love divine,  
Thy body and thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.**



**347**

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.**

**Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.**



*All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.*

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***



***All stand***

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.*



**211**

**Just as I am – without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am – of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**



154

**Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good  
To them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.**



**201**

**I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,  
Trusting only thee,  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.**

**I am trusting thee for pardon:  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.**

**I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.**

**I am trusting thee for power:  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.**

**I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee for ever,  
And for all.**



**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave:**

**Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,***

*Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*

### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266**

**We bless thee for thy peace, O God,  
Deep as the unfathomed sea,  
Which falls like sunshine on the road  
Of those who trust in Thee.**

**We ask not, Father, for repose  
Which comes from outward rest,  
If we may have through all life's woes  
Thy peace within our breast;**

**That peace which suffers and is strong,  
Trusts where it cannot see,  
Deems not the trial way too long,  
But leaves the end to thee;**

**That peace which flows serene and deep,  
A river in the soul,  
Whose banks a living verdure keep –  
God's sunshine o'er the whole.**

**O Father, give our hearts this peace,  
Whate'er the outward be,  
Till all life's discipline shall cease,  
And we go home to thee.**



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to

our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*



## **Covenant Hymn – 595**

**We in one covenant are joined,  
And one in Jesus are;  
With voices and with hearts combined,  
His praise we will declare:  
In doctrine and in practice one,  
We'll love and serve the Lord alone;  
With one accord sound forth his praise,  
Till we shall see his face.**



### ***The Blessing:***

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

***In the name of Jesus. AMEN.***

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*



**Organ Postlude**



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

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**Advanced: Winston Gibbs (2<sup>nd</sup>), Barbara Murphy-Rock (4<sup>th</sup>), Lelia Gibbs (6<sup>th</sup>)**



***Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who will celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3, 2021***

### **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.**



***Flowers today were donated by Sis. Evelyn Greenidge in celebration of her birthday***



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Provincial Day of Prayer
  - ✝ Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
- ✝ Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- ✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Sunday School – 9:30 p.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 2 – 30, 2021.
2. Our Sunday School has resumed and for July and August we will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
3. Training on the Steelpan will be resumed shortly. Interested persons, 9 years and over should contact Sis. Kristina Carter to sign up.
4. The Board of Stewards has elected an Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis. Margaret Best, Vice-Chairman – Sis. Kimoi Jones, Treasurer – Sis. Talya Lane, Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke. A Secretary and Assistant Secretary are still to be elected.
5. The Board of Elders has elected an Executive Members as follows: Vice-Chairman – Sis. Lucine Baker, Secretary – Sis. Eula Gibbs, Assistant Secretary – Sis. Shirley Cadogan. The Pastor is the Chairman of the Board of Elders.
6. Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts. Since last week, a few of the Districts were redefined, resulting in the following:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Dev., Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Sis. Shirley Cadogan
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W — West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Sis. Joan Taylor
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Grace Sandiford Sis. Angelus Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Eula Gibbs
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Marion King-Taylor
7	Arthur Seat (East — Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Carmel Downes
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring	Sis. Lelia Gibbs

	Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Sis. Ciana Downes
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Lucine Baker
13	Warrens, Welches — North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Bevitor.	Sis. Diana Boyce

**7. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:**

- † The Rev. Elva Richards-Goodwin who currently serves as the pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Bethany and Emmaus Congregations on St. John in the Virgin Islands Conference. This call takes effect from August 1, 2021.
  - † The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas who has been on secondment to the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province since 2001, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2021.
  - † The Rev. Eulencine Christopher, Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted Leave of Absence from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023.
  - † The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor has been appointed Interim Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference effective September 1, 2021.
  - † Please pray for these members of staff and their families as they prepare to go on leave or to assume these calls.
- 8. 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.

9. 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 Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Michelle Reece-Herbert and family on the passing of her mother, Cynthia Maynard.; Sis. Coraleen Greenidge and Sis. Ione Drakes and the Greenidge family on the passing of their sister, Audrey Lynch.*
3. The people of the region as we have entered the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.



### AVAILABLE:

- ✠ 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 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 three 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 three 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, Dedication, 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.



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# Summer Sundays



Come learn the bible through song, dance, drama.

**Every Sunday  
Jul 11th- Aug 29th @  
9:30 a.m.**

**Dressed in your Jeans  
and T-shirt.**

**Bring a Bible and a  
friend.**

**COVID-19 protocols will be in effect.**