



## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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*"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."  
Mark 8:34-35*

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** We welcome you to this time of celebration and reflection on this the Second Sunday during the season of Lent. In this season when we "return to God" we pray to experience the pull of the Holy Spirit and to be drawn into a closer fellowship with God. Welcome.

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD:** God says, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations."  
*(Genesis 17:7)*

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

**Call to Worship:** *I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.* (Psalm 22:22-24)

Hymn 312 – *Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus*

Litany – Lent A (p. 112 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31 – 38

Hymn of Preparation: 307 – *Oft In Danger, Oft In Woe*

Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn: 272 – *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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**Opening Hymn: 312 –**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day!  
Ye that are men, now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus! stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there!**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**



**Lent A**

*All stand*

*Tune: DUKE STREET*

**Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all his ways:  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He sent his Son with power to save  
From guilt, from darkness, and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

*Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

*Give unto us your peace.*

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have manifested your great love toward us, for you sent your Son into the world to atone for our sins.

*We give you thanks, for you have enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to your people who live in the light.*

God has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son;

*Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*

Lord God, Son, the Saviour of the world, because God's children are human beings – made of flesh and blood – the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil.

*Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.*

*Minor Chant*

*(Or read responsively)*

**Thou wast despised and re | jected of | men; || a man of sorrows | and ac | quainted with |  
grief.**

***And we hid as it were our | faces | from thee; || thou was: despised, and | we es | teemed thee  
/ not.***

**Surely thou hast | borne our | griefs; || and | — — | carried our | sorrows:**

***Yet we did es | teem thee | stricken, || smitten of | God and af | flicted.***

**But thou wast wounded for our transgressions, thou wast bruised for | our in | iquities: ||  
the chastisement of our peace was upon thee; and | with thy | stripes | we are | healed.**

***All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to | his own | way; || and the  
Lord hath laid on thee the in | iquity | of us | all.***

Lord God, Holy Spirit, you descended and dwelt upon the Son; you anointed him to bring Good News to the poor; to heal the broken-hearted; to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.

*In Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*

*Tune: WELLS*

*(Choir)*

**Now with angels round the throne,  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
And the church which still is one,  
Let us swell the solemn hymn:**

**Glory to the great I Am,  
Glory to the slaughtered Lamb!**

*(All)*                   **Blessing, honour, glory, might,  
And dominion infinite,  
To the Father of our Lord,  
To the Spirit and the Word;  
As it was all worlds before,  
Is, and shall be evermore.**

*Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)*

From the sin of unbelief,  
From all defilement of the flesh and spirit,  
From all self-righteousness,  
From every neglect of our duty,  
From ingratitude and selfishness,  
From lukewarmness,  
From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,  
***Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.***

By your holy incarnation and birth;  
Your early exile;  
Your pure and blameless childhood;  
Your willing obedience;  
Your humility, meekness, and patience;  
Your faithfulness in your earthly calling;  
Your perfect life before God and humanity.  
***Help us, O Christ, to dedicate both soul and body to your service.***

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,  
***Lead us to repentance for our sins.***

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death:  
***Make known to us the mystery of your love.***

*All sit*

*Tune: STUTTGART*

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;**

**Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more lustre to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

*John Bowring (1792 – 1872)*

*All stand*

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood,  
By your innocent suffering and dying,  
By your rest in the grave,  
By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

***Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.***

*Tune: MARTYRDOM*

**Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.**

*William Cowper (1731 – 1800)*

Grant, O Lord, that we may abide in you, and walk worthy of God. As a result, we can show others the goodness of God, for he called us out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

***O Lord, abide in us that we may abide in you.***

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

***Hear us, gracious Lord and God.***

*Tune: MEDIA VITA Pt. II*

(Minister) **Most Holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,**  
(Choir) **Holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou eternal God!**  
(All) **Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts of thy death;  
Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Moravian Liturgy 1808, anon.*



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Today: *Clarence Cummings & Claudette Jones*

Advanced: *Cynthia Odle (March 2<sup>nd</sup>), Brenda Herbert (3<sup>rd</sup>), Shirley Hall (4<sup>th</sup>), Heather Beckles (5<sup>th</sup>), Carlos Knight (6<sup>th</sup>)*



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: Worship – 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).

† Monday – Friday: Lenten Devotions – 8:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

† NEXT SUNDAY UNITY SUNDAY

† Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Unity Sunday Celebration – 5:00 p.m. on our YouTube channels and Facebook.



## We Salute You, Health Care Workers! This Black History Month

*As Black History Month draws to a close, we at Sharon reflect on being a part of our nation’s history, and no history at this time is more poignant than the fact that our churches, our neighbourhoods, our workplaces the world over, have been ravaged by the Covid-19 Pandemic.*

*Therefore, at Sharon we choose this time to salute our frontline workers, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to keeping others safe. We look today at our Health Care Workers – Health Care has always been a part of Sharon, with numerous persons in the medical field being in its membership over the years and offering health clinics and lectures.*

*Historically, many a past student of Sharon Primary School can attest to searching their arms and legs on specific days of the week so that they could get to run to the bottom of the gap to where Nurse Gomes, in a small hut, ran a clinic! Now, over 50 years later, in the middle of a pandemic, and just on Black History Month, a medical facility is once again at the bottom of our gap!*

*To ALL our frontline workers, in whatever field, we at Sharon salute you, and say THANK YOU!!! And GOD BLESS YOU!!!*



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

### **1. From the PEC:**

✝ Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder! As we look toward Lent and Easter, the Province is called to an intentional time of prayer and fasting for the duration of Lent. We are encouraged to adhere to the basic principles Daniel followed in Daniel 10: 3 – Prayer, no sweets, no meat, and no alcohol. The Provincial Newsletter for February has more details on the Daniel Fast. During this period, Mondays – Fridays, scripture verses to guide personal morning reflections and prayer will be distributed. In the evenings, there will be short, impactful devotions beginning at 8:00 pm on Zoom. Each Conference will lead evening devotions for one week during Lent as follows:

<b>Conference</b>	<b>Devotion Dates</b>	<b>Sub-Theme</b>
<b>Trinidad</b>	<b>February 18-19</b>	<b>Seek</b>
<b>Tobago</b>	<b>February 22-26</b>	<b>Submit</b>
<b>Barbados</b>	<b>March 1 – 5</b>	<b>Hear and Heed</b>
<b>St. Kitts</b>	<b>March 8 – 12</b>	<b>Imagination and Insight</b>
<b>Antigua</b>	<b>March 15 – 19</b>	<b>Focus and Function</b>
<b>Virgin Islands</b>	<b>March 22 – 26</b>	<b>Total Transformation</b>

- ✝ We need God to do mighty things in us, through us, in the church, in our communities, and the world. Let us ready our hearts and minds for the journey
- ✝ March 07, 2021 is Unity Sunday. At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church. A special Unity offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday, March 7, 2021. This offering will go towards constructing a multipurpose hall in Malawi in Africa. Details on the project are attached.
- ✝ Sunday March 22, 2021 is Theological Education Sunday. Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?
  - ✝ Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe, and our Minister in training, Sis. Marleen Browne.
  - ✝ If you sense God calling you deeper in service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many branches.
  - ✝ Last year you gave EC\$9,158 toward theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29,000. On March 22, 2021, a special offering will be received for theological education. Please give as the Lord allows.



- ✝ The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is *“He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth”* (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.
2. From the Superintendent: In compliance with the national directive to pause from broad social interaction to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Moravian Church in Barbados will extend the suspension of gatherings or assemblies for a further month, through to February 28, 2021. We are encouraged to remain engaged by making use of our online resources such as our social media pages and our livestreamed worship services on YouTube and Facebook.
- ✝ Worship times are as follows:
- ✝ Calvary / Grace Hill / Fulnec Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Bethlehem / Faith Pastorate – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Continue to follow the directives and recommendations of our public health officials and agencies, that we may do our part in maintaining the health of our community and fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic.
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. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!
- ✝ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for the weekend of June 12 – 13, 2021.
- ✝ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All

persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.

5. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
7. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).
8. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route on Sundays. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



#### PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Bro Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*



#### Adoration In Songs & Choruses



#### Ministry of the Word

**Scripture Reading: Mark 8: 31 – 38**

- 31 **And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.**
- 32 **And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.**
- 33 **But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.**
- 34 **And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

- 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.
- 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
- 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.



Hymn of Preparation: 307 –

Oft in danger, oft in woe,  
Onward, Christians, onward go:  
Fight the fight, maintain the strife,  
Strengthened with the bread of life.

Onward, Christians, onward go,  
Join the war, and face the foe:  
Will ye flee in danger's hour?  
Know ye not your Captain's power?

Let your drooping hearts be glad;  
March in heavenly armour clad:  
Fight, nor think the battle long,  
Victory soon shall tune your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye,  
Soon shall every tear be dry;  
Let not fears your course impede,  
Great your strength if great your need.

Onward then in battle move,  
More than conquerors ye shall prove:  
Though opposed by many a foe,  
Christian soldiers, onward go.



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Closing Hymn: 272 –

**My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed:  
I trust the ever-living One –  
His wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's Name,  
Salvation through His blood.**

**My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.**



### Benediction



### Organ Postlude



#### AVAILABLE:

- ✠ **Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24**
- ✠ **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**
- ✠ **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**

- ✝ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- ✝ Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- ✝ The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



### Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

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.

