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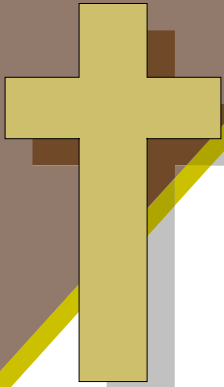
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Luke 11:1-2

¹ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. ² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.



Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

9:30 a.m.

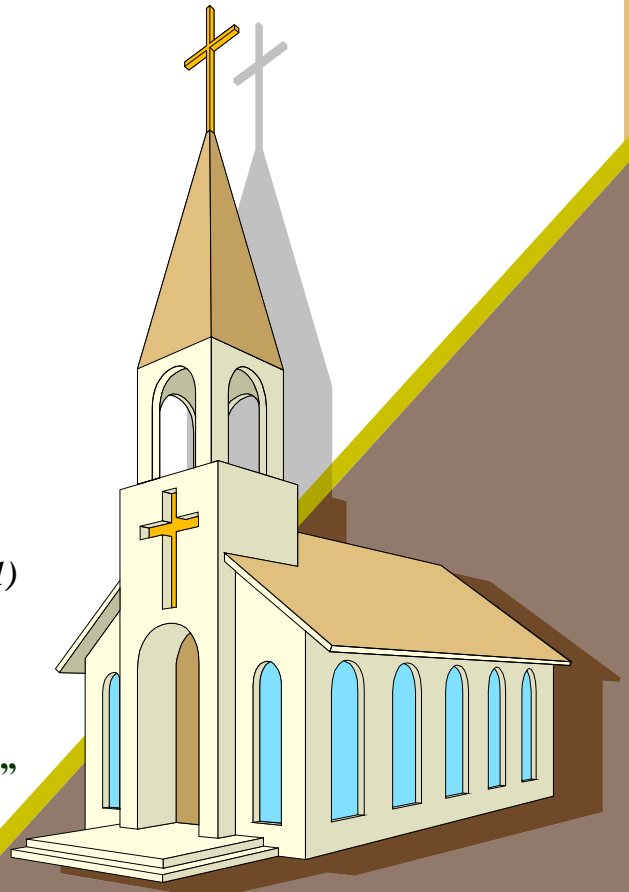
Welcome: Hear the invitation extended to all today: *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.* Wherever you are at today, here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, you can worship in the beauty of holiness, as you are covered in the righteousness of God. A Special welcome to Sis. Verve Alleyne of the Bethlehem congregation as she leads us in worship on this Laity Sunday.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Lord, teach us to pray. (Luke 11:1)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 57:9 – 10):

Leader: *I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.*

Congregation: *For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.*

Hymn 2 – “*Blessèd Jesus, At Thy Word*”

A Canticle of Praise (p. 235 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you*” (Luke 6:38, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 683 – “*You May Be Young And Think the World Is At Your Feet*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:20 – 32

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1 – 13

Choir Anthem – “*Someone Is Waiting*”

Sermon – – *Sis. Verve Alleyne*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 215 – “*We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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Hymn 2 –

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word,
We are gathered all to hear thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear thee;
By thy teachings sweet and holy
Drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded;
Thou alone to God canst win us,
Thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart;
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open thou our ears and heart,
Help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy people raises,
Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.



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 benefiits.

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.

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Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 683 –

You may be young and think the world is at your feet.
Perhaps you live from day to day;
But I confess that I have met the Lord Jesus Christ,
And I know that He’s the only way.

*I just want to follow Jesus, follow each and every day,
And I want to serve and praise Him, as I walk the narrow way.
Where he leads me I will follow; from the start until the end.
I will stay with Him forever; He’s my nearest, dearest friend.*

I’m growing older, wiser, seeing things more clear
And value this great Friend I’ve made.
That’s why I try to show Him off to all my friends,
And tell them of the price He’s paid.

Life has more meaning now that I’ve known Jesus Christ
I’ve got the strength to cope with all.
His Spirit is my guide, never am I afraid,
And I will always heed His call.

I consecrate my life to serving Jesus Christ;
I’ve made this pledge, to God indeed
I put my trust in Him and seek to do His will;
He satisfies my every need.

If you have not as yet given your life to Him,
I beg of you, do not delay;
I call on you to put your faith in Jesus Christ
And join with me these words to say



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Adoration in Song:



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:20 – 32

20. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;
21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.
22. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.
23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?
25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
26. And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.
27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:
28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.
30. And he said unto him, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.
31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.
32. And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1 – 13

1. And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
2. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
3. Give us day by day our daily bread.
4. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
5. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
6. For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
7. And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
8. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
9. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
10. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?



Choir Anthem – “*Someone Is Waiting*”



Sermon – – *Sis. Verve Alleyne*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 215 –

We have not known thee as we ought,
Nor learned thy wisdom, grace and power;
The things of earth have filled our thought,
And trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,
And make us wise in knowing thee.

We have not feared thee as we ought,
Nor bowed beneath thy awful eye,
Nor guarded deed and word and thought,
Remembering that our God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,
And grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought,
And feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
To feel and own the love thou art.

We have not served thee as we ought;
Alas, the duties left undone,
The work with little fervour wrought,
The battles lost or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,
For thee to toil, for thee to fight.

When shall we know thee as we ought,
And fear and love, and serve aright?
When shall we, out of trial brought,
Be perfect in the land of light?
Lord, may we day by day prepare
To see thy face, and serve thee there.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Belated: *Andrin King (18th), Angelus Hurdle (21st), Carol St. John (shut-in), Denis Moore (23rd)*

Today: *Debbie Maynard-Waithe*

Advanced: *Walwyn Blackman & Arthur Ramsay (29th), Evelyn Greenidge (30th)*

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) – 9:30 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 at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Fellowship. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Next Sunday: **GREEN SUNDAY**

† Divine Worship & Infant Baptism – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of July 2022:

† Grace Hill 140th Anniversary Luncheon – Sunday, 24th, 1:00 p.m. \$45.00

† Green Sunday – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency. (More than one piece of green offering is welcome)

† Grace Hill 140th Anniversary Service – Sunday, 31st, 4:00 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province was held last week, concluding on Friday, July 22, with the Installation of the new Provincial Elders Conference. The new P.E.C. is constituted as follows: Chairman – Rev. Algernon Lewis, Vice-Chairman – Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Secretary – Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis, Lay Members – Sis Debra Moore-Miggins (Tobago) and Sis Evannie Jeremiah (VI). There was no election of a Bishop. We express thanks to all who supported the Synod in any way.
2. 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 to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
3. Our Song & Chorus leaders are on break for the month of July.
4. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
5. Our Church Organ failed on July 10, 2022 and is currently being repaired.

6. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
 - ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - ✝ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
7. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus will be back on Route as of Sunday, July 17, 2022. 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), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” 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.
 - ✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
 - ✝ As of July 2022, the Moravian Voice broadcast will be moved to Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM. 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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for:*

✠ *Sis. Earlyne Walrond on the passing of her brother*

✠ *Sis. Verve Alleyne and family (of the Bethlehem congregation) on the passing of her husband, Bro. Earl Alleyne*

✠ *Sis Sheila Foster-Clarke and family on the passing of her daughter, Andrea Foster. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here on Thursday, July 28, 2022 commencing at 3:00 p.m. with interment in the St. James Parish Cemetery.*

✠ *Sis. Velma Sealy on the passing of her sister, Sis. Normandyne Millwood. A service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, July 29, 2022, commencing at 3:00 p.m.*

✠ *The family of Sis. Geraldine Carmichael-Roberts on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday, August 6, 2022 commencing at 9:00 a.m.*

✠ *The family & friends of Sis Carol St. John on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life is being planned for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 commencing at 2:00 p.m.*

4. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

5. *God's covering during the Hurricane Season*

6. *World Peace*



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✠ **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**

✠ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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: 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 – 2022

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 three (3) 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 (3) 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.

