

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”* (Gen. 28:17).
Welcome to all. May we so experience the presence of God that we count this place the gate of heaven.

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

WATCHWORD: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

(Psalm 145:13)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 145: 10, 17 & 18):

Leader: ¹⁰ *All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.*

Congregation: ¹⁷ *The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.* ¹⁸ *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.*

Hymn 349 – “*God Moves In A Mysterious Way*”

The Fifth Order of Public Worship p. 24 – *CMP Liturgy Book*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

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Choir Anthem – “*God Is My Shepherd*”

Second Scripture Reading: John 6:1 – 21

Hymn of Preparation: 351 – “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

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Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 339 – “*When We Walk With The Lord*”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 349 –

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.



THE FIFTH ORDER (Also for Youth Services)

All standing.

Blessed be the Lord: for he has showed me his marvellous loving-kindness.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Hymn

Let us pray.

We give thanks Lord God for the many blessings of this life: for health and strength and all our powers of mind and body; for our homes and loved ones and for the wonderful joy of friendship; for our work and the opportunity of service; for the beauty of the world; for the kindness, generosity and sympathy shown to us by so many along life's journey.

Give us thankful hearts for all your goodness, and help us by the way we live to repay some of the debt we owe; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of confession and forgiveness:

Lord God, you know all there is to know about us; we confess our sin which separates us from you and divide us from one another. So often we see the faults in other people but fail to see our own: we are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness.

Help us to trust that no wrong we have done, or good we have failed to do, is too great for you to forgive.

In faith we pray that you will forgive all that we have been, change what we are, direct what we shall be, making us strong to serve you and our neighbours; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer, in one of the following versions:

Let us pray as our Saviour
has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our
daily bread*

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into
temptation;*

but deliver us from evil.

As our Saviour taught us,
so we pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our
daily bread*

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who
sin against us.*

*Lead us not into
temptation;*

But deliver us from evil.

*For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.*

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.*

Here a children's address may be given, with readings and hymns.

The Commandments:

In the Ten Commandments we find God's principles for living:
God said: "I am the Lord your God – there is none other."

Lord, help us to love you with our whole being.

Worship only God.

Lord, help us to put you first.

Use God's name with respect.

Lord, help us to control our language.

Keep God's holy day special.

Lord, help us to use this day for worship, rest and recreation.

Respect your parents.

Lord, help us to love and honour those who care for us.

Do not kill.

Lord, help us to respect the sanctity of all life.

Do not commit adultery.

Lord, help us to honour and trust the marriage relationship.

Do not steal.

Lord, help us to be honest in all our actions.

Do not tell lies.

Lord, help us to be truthful.

Do not be envious of what other people have.

Lord, help us to appreciate what we have.

Now let us take these principles and make them our standard of life.

May our words, our thoughts and our actions be acceptable in the sight of God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: BUCKLAND

**In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.**

**Help us, that with eager mind
We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.**

**Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.**

**May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.**

W. C. Piggott (1872 – 1943)

The Beatitudes:

Jesus came preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, and taught his disciples, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.
for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Remain seated.

Let us pray.

TUNE: BE STILL

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

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God of love and power, we pray for the leaders of the nations; may they know your will, respect human rights, and seek to lead their people in the paths of truth, freedom and peace.

The following to be said or sung to the last bars of “Be Still”

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

We pray for our family circle and our friends, knowing that your love for them is greater than ours; give them now and always the fullness of your blessing.

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

We remember all who are sick, or in any kind of trouble, especially those known to us..... Give relief to all in pain, friendship to the lonely, and reassurance to those in doubt or distress of mind. Make our love strong so that seeing need, we will not pass by on the other side.

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

Grant that this day we may do whatever duty lies before us with cheerfulness and sincerity of heart; and fearlessly do what we know is right, so that we may come to the ending of the day unashamed and with a quiet mind.

TUNE: BE STILL

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.**

**In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

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The service continues with readings, address and hymns.

Let us say together:

Lord, as we go from this service in church, strengthen us for service in the world: that the words of our worship may find expression in our daily life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:42 – 44

- 42 And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.**
- 43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.**
- 44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.**



Choir Anthem – “*God Is My Shepherd*”



Second Scripture Reading:

John 6:1 – 21

- 1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.**
- 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.**
- 3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.**
- 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.**
- 5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**
- 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.**
- 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.**
- 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,**
- 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?**
- 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.**
- 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.**
- 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.**
- 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.**
- 14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.**
- 15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.**
- 16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,**

- 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.
- 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.
- 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.
- 20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.
- 21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.



Hymn of Preparation: 351 –

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 339 –

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.**

**But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.**



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



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Advanced: Walwyn Blackman & Arthur Ramsay (29th), Evelyn Greenidge (30th), Mencha Collymore (31st)

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

- † 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: Shut-in Communion – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Meeting of the Board of Stewards – 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. On June 29th the Board of Stewards met and 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.
 2. On July 6th the Board of Elders met and 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.
- Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as in the table below:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent.	Sis. Shirley Cadogan
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Sis. Joan Taylor
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, Brittons Hill, Kingsland Terrace	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 Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
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, Husbands New Dev., Hinds Hill, Husbands Gardens, Oxnards, West Terrace, Wanstead Heights, Wanstead Gardens.	Sis. Lucine Baker
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Thorpes, Hoytes Village, Holders Hill, Prior Park, Bakers Woods.	Sis. Diana Boyce

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



**SHARON MORAVIAN
SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

*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.

PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Bereaved:** *The family of Sis. Grace Lashley on her passing. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 commencing at 3:30 p.m.*
3. Those who will be sitting the Common Entrance Examination on Wednesday (28th), and all sitting examinations at this time, whether at the Secondary Level (CXC and CAPE) or the Tertiary Level.
4. The people of the region as we have entered the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2021 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✚ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✚ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✚ Books:
 - 📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - 📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
 - 📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- ✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✚ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✚ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.

5. **Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six 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. **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.**

