



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136

I tell you, ask and you
will receive; seek and
you will find; knock
and the door will be
opened to you.

Luke 11:9



Sunday, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“Blessed be the Lord, God Almighty; who was, and is, and is to come.”* We worship today with the hope of life eternal in the presence of God. Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to the members of the Men’s Educational Support Association who are sharing with us in worship today. Welcome.

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

Provincial Theme 2025:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

A Canticle of Praise p. 234 / 235 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (**Including Brown 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: 291 – *“I Lift My Heart to Thee”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Doxology: *Give Thanks*

Welcome, Celebrations, Greetings & Notices

Adoration in Song:

✙ *“Who Has The Final Say”*

✙ *“Turn It Around”*

✙ *“Way Maker”*

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 20 – 32

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1 – 13

Choir Anthem – *“I Want To Be Ready”*

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn of Reflection: *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

Prayer of Commitment

Closing Hymn: 302 – *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Benediction

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.



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;

Praise him, angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him,

Praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;

Never shall his promise fail;

God hath made his saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation!

Hosts on high, his power proclaim;

Heaven, and earth, and all creation,

Laud and magnify his name.

Osler (1798 – 1863)

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

The Lord's name is to be praised.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

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

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

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

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

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

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

For all the blessings of this life:

Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

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

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

TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE

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

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

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

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“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: 291 –

I lift my heart to thee,
Saviour divine,
For thou art all to me,
And I am thine:
Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
That my belovèd's mine and I am his?

Thine am I by all ties,
But chiefly thine,
That through thy sacrifice
Thou, Lord, art mine:
By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
Around me, I to thee am closely bound.

To thee, thou dying Lamb,
I all things owe;
All that I have and am,
And all I know:
All that I have is now no longer mine,
And I am not my own; Lord, I am thine.

How can I, Lord, withhold
Life's brightest hour
From thee; or gathered gold,
Or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee,
When thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

I pray thee, Saviour, keep
Me in thy love,
Until death's holy sleep
Shall me remove
To that fair realm, where, sin and sorrow o'er,
Thou and thine own are one for evermore.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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)*



Welcome, Celebrations, Greetings & Notices



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?



Church Anthem – “I Want To Be Ready”



Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection –

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Allelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you:
Allelu, Allelujah.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God;
Allelu, Allelujah.



Prayer of Commitment



Closing Hymn: 302 –

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Advanced: Arthur Ramsay (29th), Evelyn Greenidge (30th), Winston Gibbs (2nd)



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: **BROWN SUNDAY**

✚ Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. (MESA in attendance)

✚ Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.

THIS WEEK

Office Hours for the Pastorate: Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

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✚ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

✚ Wednesday: Bible Study (*"Faith – the Foundational Principle in the Believer's Life"*) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

✚ Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

✚ Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.

✚ Mount Tabor's 200th Anniversary Service at 4:00 p.m.



Activities in the Month of August 2025:

✚ Provincial Day of Prayer – Friday, 1st.

✚ Our Sunday School will be holding "Summer Sundays" at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *"Mission: Possible"*. Bible Verse: *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* (Phil. 4:13). Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. It is a good youth ministry opportunity. Register here: <https://forms.gle/HGL6JYdM6GVMhh4z5>

✚ Mount Tabor 200th Anniversary Service – Sunday, 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

✚ The Second George Ramsay Memorial Lecture: *Did you see my chains? An inquiry into the Moravian Mission in Barbados and its justification for enslaved Africans, 1795-1834* – August 6th, 6:00 p.m. at Sharon. Presented by Rev Winelle Kirton-Roberts, PhD; Moravian pastor and historian.

✚ Launch of Sharon's Benevolence Ministry – Sunday, 10th

✚ Church-wide Summer Sundays – Sunday 10th & 17th. Relax dress & worship. Invite a friend or a neighbour to join us for worship.

- ✝ Installation of Sis. Chioma Henry as the Director of Christian Education in the Barbados Conference – Sunday, 10th, 6:00 p.m. at Sharon
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 17th
- ✝ Sharon Concert featuring the Band of The Barbados Police Service – Sunday, 24th at 5:00 p.m. **Tickets are available.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Provincial Board:

- 1.1. Our next Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on August 1, 2025 at 5:00 a.m. led by members of the Tobago Conference. Please plan to be present to join in prayer for the church, the world, and each other. The Zoom link for this prayer meeting will be shared in due course.
- 1.2. The 34th Provincial Synod ended on July 15, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Trinidad. During Synod, a new Provincial Elder's Conference was elected. The new Board is as follows:

Bro. Algernon Lewis	–	Chairman	Administration,	Finance,
		Ecumenical	Relations,	Church
		Redevelopment.		
Bro. Adrian Smith	–	Vice Chairman	Ministry,	Theological
		Education, &	Social Media	Engagement.
Bro. Jeremy Francis	–	Secretary	Mission and	Evangelism
Sis. Joan John	–	Lay Member	Development	with specific
			responsibility	for the Pension
			plan resolution	
Sis. Cindy Hackett	–	Lay Member	Christian	Education
Sis. Lisa Maryse Roberts	–	Treasurer		
Sis. Elisa Hodge	–	Assistant	Treasurer	

- 1.3. A new bishop was also elected. Rev. Ezra Parris who is in his 33rd year of ordained ministry, currently serving as the Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, and Pastor of the Sharon and Dunscombe congregations, was elected on the 7th ballot.
- 1.4. Our prayers are requested for the new Provincial Board and Bishop Elect Ezra Parris.

2. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:

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, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill

3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
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.	Bro. Steven King
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. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

3. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

3.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don't have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



4. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
5. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 5.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 5.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 5.3. 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.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 6.1. 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.
 - 6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 6.3. 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>).

6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Bro. David King*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✚ Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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.



Provincial Theme 2025:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

The focus for 2025 will be: **Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.**

“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC





**The Pastors & Members of the
Sharon Moravian Church
present
the 2ND GEORGE RAMSAY
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Topic:

**“Did you see my chains? An
inquiry into the Moravian Mission
in Barbados and its justification for
enslaved Africans, 1795 – 1834.”**

Wednesday August 6, 2025

at 6:00 p. m. at the

**Sharon Moravian Church,
St. Thomas.**



Presenter –

**Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts
Moravian Pastor & Historian
Pastor – Geneva Moravian Fellowship**



Sharon Moravian Church

presents the

Barbados Police Service Band

in concert

on Sunday August 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**at Sharon Moravian Church
St. Thomas.**

Admission – \$30.00

**Appearances by Shawn Holder,
Jane Small & other Artistes**

**PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE
CHURCH'S BUILDING FUND**

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MISSION POSSIBLE



**8 SUNDAYS OF LEARNING AND FUN!
STARTING 9:45 AM
EVERY SUNDAY
JULY 13TH – AUGUST 31ST, 2025
SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH**

**SUMMER
SUNDAYS**

**WEAR A T-SHIRT AND JEANS
BRING A FRIEND!**

