

Sharon Moravian Church

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Sunday, June 11, 2023 Second Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Sunday & Outdoor Worship

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to another time of worship and fellowship. We celebrate today the love that God has placed upon us and in our hearts. Welcome to all, whether you are here at Sharon or online, at home or abroad. May our hearts and lives be lifted heavenward as we worship today.

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WATCHWORD: God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Invitation to Worship: ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; ² To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, (Psalm 92:1-2).

Hymn 462 – "Praise the King of Glory, He Is God Alone"

Canticle 16 – Psalm 96 (p. 38, CMP Hymnal)

Prayer

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: "Thanks be unto God for his indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 485 – "Praise Him, Praise Him – Jesus, Our Blessed Redeemer"

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: "Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks"

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Testimony in Song: 262 – "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Scripture Reading – Matthew 9:9 – 13, 18 – 26

Choir Anthem - "I Will Praise Him"

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 281 - "I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice"

The Benediction

Postlude



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Organ Prelude

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Hymn 462 -

Praise the King of Glory, He is God alone; Praise Him for the wonders He to us hath shown; For His promised presence, All the pilgrim way, For the flaming pillar, And the cloud by day.

Praise Him shining angels, strike your harps of gold,
All His hosts adore Him, who His face behold;
Through His great dominion, while the ages roll,
All His works shall praise Him, All His works shall praise Him,
All His works shall praise Him; Bless the Lord, my soul!

Praise Him for redemption, free to every soul; Praise Him for the Fountain That can make us whole; For His gifts of kindness and His loving care, For the blest assurance, that He answers prayer.

Praise Him for the trials, sent as chords of love, Binding us more closely to the things above; For the faith that conquers, hope, that naught can dim, For the land where loved ones, gather unto Him.



Canticle 16 – Psalm 96

- 1 O Sing unto the | Lord a · new | song: Sing unto the | Lord | all the | earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord, | bless his | name: Shew forth his sal- |vation | from | day to | day.
- 3 Declare his glory a- | mong the | heathen: *His marvelous | works a- | mong all | peoples.*
- **4** For the Lord is great, and | greatly to be ' be | praised: *He is to be | feared a ' bove | all | gods.*

5 For all the gods of the | nations are | idols:

But the | Lord | made the | heavens.

6 Honour and majesty | are be- | fore him:

Strength and | beauty are | in his | sanctuary.

7 Give unto the Lord O ye | kindreds of the | people:

Give unto the | Lord | glory · and | strength

8 Give unto the Lord the glory due | unto his | name:

Bring an offering and | come in- | to his | courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Let the | whole earth | stand in | awe of him.

10 Tell it out among the heathen that the | Lord is | King:

He shall | judge the | peoples with | equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be | glad:

*Let the sea roar | and the | fullness * there-| of.*

12 Let the field exult and all that | is there- | in:

Yea let all the trees of the wood re- | joice be- | fore the | Lord

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the | earth:

He shall judge the world with righteousness and the | peoples | with his | truth.



Prayer



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: "Thanks be unto God for his indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 485 –

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer, Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim. Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory; Strength and honour give to His Holy name. Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children, In His arms He carries them all day long:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness: Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song! Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer,
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.

Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Testimony in Song: 262 –

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

But 'I know whom I have believed, And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day.' I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart;
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves, Convincing men of sin, Revealing Jesus through the Word, Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill May be reserved for me, Of weary ways or golden days, Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noonday fair, Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, Or meet Him in the air.



Scripture Reading – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

- **9.** And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
- **10.** And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.
- **11.** And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?
- **12.** But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
- **13.** But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- **18.** While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

- 19. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.
- **20.** And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:
- 21. For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
- **22.** But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.
- **23.** And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,
- **24.** He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.
- **25.** But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.
- **26.** And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.



Choir Anthem - "I Will Praise Him"



Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



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Organ Postlude



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<u>Today:</u> Victor Carrington & Edna Taylor <u>Advanced:</u> Danielle Holloway & Cynthia Moore (12th), Allison Greenidge-Thomas (13th), Daphne Holder & Jabarrie Prescod (15th), Victor Bedford & Jaire Lewis-Burke (16th), Chantal Clarke, Ajani Miller & Monique Tull (17th)

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: FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY & OUTDOOR WORSHIP
 - **†** Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - **♦** Adventures in Worship (All Ages) 10:30 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 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- **♥** Wednesday: Bible Study 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Thursday: Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
- **♦ Next Sunday: FATHER'S DAY**
 - **†** Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - **♦** Adventures in Worship (All Ages) 10:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
 - **♦ Mount Tabor Father's Day Luncheon & Chinese Auction − 1:00** p.m. − 3:00 p.m. Admission − \$50.00



In the Month of June 2023:

- **†** Fellowship Sunday Outdoor Worship − 11th. We will invite our friends and people from our community to have an open-air worship experience with us; then we will open our picnic baskets and have lunch and fellowship on the grounds.
- **†** Father's Day − 18th
- **♦** Mount Tabor Father's Day Luncheon & Chinese Auction − 1:00 p.m. − 3:00 p.m. Admission − \$50.00
- **♦** Conference Evangelism 25th 30th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. 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. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
- 2. We are thankful for your financial support.
- 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.
- You 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.
- 3. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. 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.
- **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
- 4. Our Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40a.m.), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), First Ave. Jackson (8:55), Lodge Hill (9:00), Sharon (9:15). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



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

"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



PRAYER NEEDS:



- 1. Our Shut-ins: Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore
- 2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: Sis. Cynthia Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess.
- 3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: the family of Sis. Norma Nicholls on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday June 17, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m.
- 4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- **♦** Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition − \$25
- **†** Offering Envelopes for 2023 − 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 2023 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: <u>Understanding the Caribbean Worker</u> \$25; Provocation \$20.
- Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: <u>Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914</u> \$50.
- Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: <u>Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water</u> \$35.
- **†** Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



The Mount Tabor

Moravian Church Building Committee

Fathers' Day Luncheon & Chinese Auction

June 18th, 2023 Mount Tabor Church Grounds 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





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Friedensberg (1771)

Friedensthal (1755)

Friedensfeld (1801)

New Herrnhut (1737)

Faith (1999)

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Bethel (1832)

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Memorial (1983) Minister of Christian Education

Treasurer



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Rev. Daniel Mark

Rev. Andrew Roberts Rev. Liselle Roberts

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2023 CALENDAR

"SHIFT: Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, and Re-igniting our Passion"

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MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722.

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Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut.1727.

Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707. Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Mission from Herrnhut, 1732

ce of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741 d as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)

Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732

Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun- day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457.

Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415