



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

FATHER'S DAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to this service of worship and celebration of the love of God our Saviour – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Special welcome to our men and fathers as we seek to honour them this Father's Day. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High. *(Psalm 92:1)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation To Worship: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.*
Psalm 95:6-7

Hymn 484 – “My God How Wonderful Thou Art”

Litany For Men And Fathers p. 214 – CMP Liturgy Book

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Give unto the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.”* Psalm 96:8

Offertory Hymn: 34 – “This Is My Father’s World”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

GREETINGS, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

Presentations to Fathers – Adventures in Worship

Presentation of Tokens to Men And Fathers (**Hymn 394** – “Faith of Our Fathers...”)

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:14 – 25

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 4:26 – 34

Choir Anthem – “Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee”

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT & INTERCESSION

Hymn 295 – “O Loving Lord, Who Art For Ever Seeking”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 484 –

My God how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!

O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me, thy sinful child.

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!



MEN AND FATHERS

All standing

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His steadfast love endures forever.
O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Tune: St Magnus – # 123

O thou whose feet have climbed life's hill,
And trod the path of youth,
Our Saviour and our Brother still,
Now lead us into truth.

The call is thine, be thou the Way,
And give us men to guide;
Let wisdom broaden with the day,
Let human faith abide.

Louis F. Benson (1855 – 1930)

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; that walks in His way.

For he shall eat the fruits of his hands: happy shall he be, and it shall be well with him.

His wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of his house: and his children like olive plants round about his table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.

All seated.

Let us pray:

For men who have demonstrated that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
For men who would follow your example of love;
For men who would be your disciples;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For men who have been respectful sons, such that they continue to be respectable parents;

For men who would be true to you, and, as faithful fathers, give good examples to the young;

For men who serve as loving and supportive husbands;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For men who have experienced the living Lord as Saviour;

For men who have sought to live their lives as transformed by Christ;
For men who would answer your call to service;
For men who seek to lead others to discipleship;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

O Christ our ever-living Lord, the Perfect Man who dwelt among us here on earth, we thank you for your example of righteous living and humble service. Grant your grace that all men may live such redeemed lives, and may, in like manner, be committed to service. Help them to take up their responsibilities with boldness and seriousness. Show them how to fulfill their charge — to lead their families and to serve their communities. Help them to love as you have loved, and to discipline as you discipline. Cause them to cooperate with you in their service to this world. Finally, grant unity and harmony in all our families and in the family of God; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our perfect example. ***Amen.***

We praise you for the example of David, who prayed for his sick child.

May all men be imbued with such faith to call on you in our distress.

We praise you for Jairus, who believed that Jesus was able to heal his daughter.

May all men be imbued with such faith and believe that Christ Jesus can do all things.

We praise you for the faith of the Prodigal's father, who could love his wayward son and receive him on his return;

May all men be imbued with such faith that they may love unconditionally.

We praise you for the faith of Abraham, who could trust God's faithfulness to the point where he could obediently offer his son as a sacrifice to God;

May all men be imbued with such faith and take you at your word.

We especially praise you for Joseph, who was willing to serve as father to our Lord, the Christ; and for his commitment to serve as husband to Mary, even in the most challenging of circumstances.

May all men be imbued with such undaunted faith that allows them to accept your will for them.

All standing.

Tune: Carlisle – # 271

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!

The Church for you doth wait:
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great.

William P. Merrill (1867 – 1954)

God is seeking men:
who are larger than their vocations;
who will put character above wealth;
whose word is their bond.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men:
who will not compromise their values;
who will be honest in all things – great and small;
who will not lose their identity in a crowd.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men:
who would be faithful stewards in parenting, even as He is;
who will love children as they love themselves;
who will depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance, even as they guide the young;
who will, by God's standards, be good exemplars to all children.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men who would follow Christ Jesus wherever He may lead, and fulfil His command to 'feed My lambs'.

Men: O Lord, make me this kind of man.

Women: O Lord, help our men to be this kind of man.

Children: O Lord, may our fathers be men like these.

All: O Lord, may such men be found amongst us, we humbly pray. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Remain standing.

Let us pray:

Lord, we confess that we have not always been the type of persons you desire. We have sometimes failed to live up to our responsibility as men or to support our men in their efforts to please you. As children, we have often inadvertently caused our parents distress. As a community we have often compromised our men. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us your aid to be victorious in all our endeavours, so that all men may reach their fullest

potential in you, This we ask of you, the Perfect Father, in the name of Christ, the Victorious Son. Amen.

Tune: Judges Hill (# 229 in CMP. See Tune Supplement)

I'm yours O Lord! Completely yours!
Saturate me with your word.
O let me feel you're always near.
I desire to walk with you,
Don't let me go astray.
Lord I give you all my heart in full surrender.

O use me Lord, to do your will;
I will go Lord where you lead,
To feed the poor and heal the wounds;
To restore a broken world in faith,
I make my pledge.
I will serve with all my heart,
So give me strength and grace

2008. *Ulston P. Smith*



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)*

Offertory Hymn: 34 –

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:

He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world;
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let heaven ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks

*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



Presentations to Fathers – Adventures in Worship



Presentation of Tokens to Men And Fathers (Hymn 394)

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;

And blest would be their children's fate,
Though they, like them, should die for thee.

Faith of our fathers; God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Daniel 3: 14 – 25

14. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
15. Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
17. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.
18. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
19. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
21. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
22. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
23. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
24. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
25. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 4: 26 – 34

26. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;
27. And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.
28. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
29. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.
30. And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?
31. It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32. But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.
33. And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.
34. But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.



Choir Anthem – *“Joyful, Joyful! We Adore Thee”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 295 –

O loving Lord, who art for ever seeking
 Men of thy mind, intent to do thy will,
 Strong in thy strength, thy power and grace bespeaking,
 Faithful to thee, through good report and ill.

To thee we come, and humbly make confession,
 Faithless so oft, in thought and word and deed,
 Asking that we may have, in true possession,
 Thy free forgiveness in the hour of need.

In duties small be thou our inspiration,
 In large affairs endue us with thy might;
 Through faithful service cometh full salvation;
 So may we serve, thy will our chief delight.

Not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
 Faithful in all things, seeking not reward,
 So, following thee, may we fulfil our mission,
 True to ourselves, our brethren, and our Lord.



The Benediction



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Today: Victor Bedford & Jaire Lewis-Burke

Advanced: Chantal Clarke, Ajani Miller & Monique Tull (17th), Hal Ifill & Shirley Stewart (18th), Sandy Baird, Gavin Ramsay & Rosanne Baptiste (UK) (19th), Jerome Gittens & George Best (22nd)



Congratulations to Bro. Owen & Sis. Marion Taylor who will celebrate their 19th Wedding Anniversary on June 18, 2024; Bro. Edwin & Sis. Grace Sandiford will celebrate their 27th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2024.



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: **FATHERS' DAY**

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

† **THIS WEEK**

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

- † Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of June 2024:

- † “Come Back Sunday” – 30th.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.
2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:
 - † “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024. For all who ever visited or attended Sharon; all who were baptized, married, attended Sunday School, VBS, Primary School or were associated with Sharon in any way. We would be happy to welcome you.
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024. The cost is \$200.
 - † We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars 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.



3. The assignment of Elders Districts is 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, 1st 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. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
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

4. 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.
5. 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
 - ✝ Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



The Past 225 Years



15. The Rose of Sharon tree which is located on the western side of the sanctuary, was planted to mark the 175th Anniversary of the church on this site. It was planted by the late Bro Martin Collymore, a former lay preacher, and Sunday School superintendent at Sharon.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences and pray for Sis. Shirley Cadogan and family on the passing of her mother; Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts and family on the passing of her sister.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2024 – 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 for 2024 – 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 2024:

“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

