

Sharon Moravian Church

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Sunday, June 18, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost
FATHER'S DAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Today we say thanks to God and we celebrate his fatherly love over us. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to our men and fathers as we seek to honour them on this Father's Day.

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WATCHWORD: The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 34 – "This Is My Father's World"

Litany for Men and Fathers (p. 214 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Recitations – Rhys Hoyte

Jamario Lewis

Christon Skeete

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Offertory Hymn: 351 – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father"

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

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Choir Anthem - "Total Praise"

An Exhortation — Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 296 – "Rise Up O Men of God"

The Benediction

Postlude



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Prelude

Invitation to Worship



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!





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



Recitations – Rhys Hoyte Jamario Lewis Christon Skeete



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Offertory Hymn: 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!



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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.



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Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 296 –

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!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait: Her strength unequal to her task; Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; As brothers of the Son of Man Rise up, O men of God!



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Today: Hal Ifill

<u>Advanced:</u> Sandy Baird, Gavin Ramsay & Rosanne Baptiste (UK) (19th), Jerome Gittens & George Best (22nd), John Chandler (24th)



Congratulations to Bro. Owen & Sis. Marion Taylor who are celebrating their 18th Wedding Anniversary today; Bro. Edwin & Sis. Grace Sandiford who will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2023.

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:** 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
- † 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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. Sis. Carol David Kendell (a thought leader and expert in Business Alignment and Agile Business Transformation, and a member of the Trinidad Conference), has been asked to complete the **leadership enrichment sessions** started on Saturday, May 27th, and to do so on the weekend of our **Annual Convention**, June 29 July 2, 2023.
- These sessions are a part of a programme by the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC), under the theme "Reimagining Leadership in the EWI Province." The Provincial Board is seeking to strengthen the leadership of the Province and to lead the Province in three-dimensional growth (numeric, spiritual, and financial), community building, asset utilization, and sustainability.
- The schedule for that weekend will be as follows:

Date, Time, Venue	Group	Outcomes
Thursday, June 29	Ministerial Staff &	A Re-Imagining of Leadership.
6:30 – 9:00 p.m. D. C.	Executive Board	Looking at: The type of leadership
Moore Centre, Sharon		needed today; The leadership strategy the
		PEC is leading us to adopt; What is
		needed to adopt and maintain that
		leadership strategy.
Friday, June 30	Ministerial Staff &	A Strategic Plan for the Conference.
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board	Making use of the results of the strategic
D. C. Moore Centre,		listening exercise already conducted.
Sharon		
Saturday, July 1	Congregational	A Re-Imagining of Leadership.
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Leaders – Members	Continuing to look at the leadership
D. C. Moore Centre,	of the Joint Boards	required today and where leaders fit, in
Sharon	and group leaders.	the strategic direction of the Conference
		and Province.
Sunday, July 2	Worship &	Glory to God; Spiritual strength.
10:00 a.m., Calvary	Communion	

I look forward to the participation of the leadership of the Conference.

- 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. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
- **3.** February 10, 2024 will be the **225th Anniversary** of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. Once the Kingdom does not come, the historic point should not pass without a celebration. An Anniversary Committee will be set in place to make plans for and to lead the celebration. We invite suggestions and volunteers to be engaged in the planning.
- 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. 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 available also be Instagram on (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Conference Barbados (https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference).
- † You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com
- **6.** Our Bus is back on route on Sundays. Invite someone to get on board! The Route to Sharon: Quarry Road (8:40 a.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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"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:
 - † <u>Of our congregation</u>: Sis. Cynthia Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams, Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess.
- 3. 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</u>: <u>Evangelical Protestantism</u> in <u>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.





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Cedar Hall (1822) Cashew Hill (1993)

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Rev. Devon Mannix

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