

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail... —Jeremiah 20:11

#### Sunday, June 25, 2023 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m.

*Welcome:* With the love of Christ we welcome one and all to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. This is a house of prayer for all people! May God bless us richly as we worship and fellowship.

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WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. (*Matthew 10:39*)

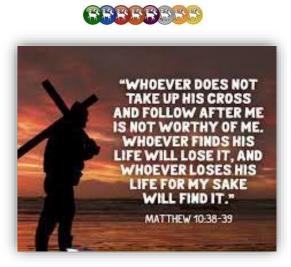
Provincial Theme 2023: "SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Prelude Introit Invitation to Worship: "The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted." Psalm 18:46 Hymn 482 – "When Morning Gilds the Skies" First Order of Public Worship – p. 1 – 4 – CMP Liturgy Book Worship in Tithes & Offerings Offertory Sentence: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 Offertory Hymn: 235 – "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings** Offertory Doxology: "Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks" **Greetings, Celebrations & Notices Adoration in Songs & Choruses Ministry of the Word** First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 20:7 – 13 Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24 - 39 **Choir Anthem** Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris **Prayer of Commitment and Intercession** Hymn 312 – "Stand Up! Stand Up For Jesus!" **The Benediction** Postlude

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#### Prelude

Introit

**Invitation to Worship:** 

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Hymn 482 -

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!' Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Whene'er the sweet church bell Peals over hill and dell, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!' O hark to what it sings, As joyously it rings, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

When sleep her balm denies, My silent spirit sighs,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
When evil thoughts molest,
With this I shield my breast,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

To God, the Word, on high The host of angels cry, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!' Let mortals, too upraise Their voice in hymns of praise: 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!' Let air and sea and sky, From depth to height, reply, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this while life is mine, My canticle divine, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!' Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'



## THE FIRST ORDER

All standing, these sentences are said responsively:

Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. *He is our God; we are the people he cares for, those for whom he provides.* 

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise.

For the Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts for ever.

A call to repentance:

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit. A humble and repentant heart, O God, you will not reject. Since we have complete freedom to go into the most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and pray together saying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us, *Christ hear us*.

God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth, *Have mercy upon us*.

God, the Son, Saviour of the world, *Heal us and make us whole*.

God, the Holy Spirit, guide and comforter, *Remain with us for ever*.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, *Have mercy upon us*.

Let us give thanks to the Father who rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safely into the Kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free and our sins forgiven.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer

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

Let us pray that we may hold fast to the truth of Christ amid all the dangers and temptations of life.

From indifference to the love shown in your suffering and death,

From error and misunderstanding,

From pride, vanity and hardness of heart,

From selfish ambition,

From acceptance of the false standards of this world,

From greed and materialism,

From envy, hatred, malice and every prejudice,

From unnecessary perplexity and anxiety,

From all sin,

#### Save us, O Lord.

Let us find strength and comfort in Christ.

By your humble birth and holy life,

By your baptism, fasting and temptations,

By your obedience and faithfulness,

By your enjoyment of the Father's good gifts,

By your ministry in word and deed,

By your giving of yourself to others, By your prayers and tears, *Bless and comfort us, O Lord*.

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#### **WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Sentence:** "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

Offertory Hymn: 235 –

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;It shall be no longer mine;Take my heart, it is Thine own;It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.



#### **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.



**Greetings, Celebrations & Notices** 



**Adoration in Songs & Choruses** 



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 20:7 – 13

- **7.** O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.
- **8.** For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.
- **9.** Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.
- **10.**For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.
- **11.**But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.
- **12.**But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

**13.**Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.



### Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24 – 39

- 24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
- **25.** It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?
- **26.** Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
- 27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.
- **28.** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- **29.** Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
- **30.** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- **31.** Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.
- **32.** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
- **33.** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
- **34.** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
- **35.** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
- **36.** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.
- **37.** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- **38.** And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

**39.** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

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**Choir Anthem** 

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Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



#### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**

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#### Closing Hymn: 312 -

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross;Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the trumpet call obey; Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day! Ye that are men, now serve him against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! stand in his strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there!

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long;This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.To him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be;He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.



**The Benediction** 

Postlude



#### Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

With the love of Christ we welcome one and all to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. This is a house of prayer for all people! May God bless us richly as we worship and fellowship.

#### <u>Today:</u> Tahlia Miller



<u>Advanced:</u> Mavis Sandiford (26<sup>th</sup>), Marcia Springer (27<sup>th</sup>), Danielle Greenidge-Griffith, Carol Martindale, Lawrence Moore & Philippa Smith (28<sup>th</sup>), Zelia Kellman & Nathan Maynard (July 1<sup>st</sup>), Violet Ellis & Kimberley Eversley (2<sup>nd</sup>), Berkeley Greenidge, Andrea Maynard, Marjorie Adams & Aaron Ramsay (3<sup>rd</sup>), Theophilus Cadogan (4<sup>th</sup>), Eudora Payne (USA) (6<sup>th</sup>), Luther Barker (8<sup>th</sup>)



Congratulations to Bro. Wayne & Sis. Danielle Griffith who will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 2, 2023.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Jan Lewis in memory of her late husband, Bro. Michael Lewis.

#### **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.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT** 

**†** Today: 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).
- **<sup>†</sup>** 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.
- **\*** NEXT SUNDAY: NO WORSHIP HERE AT SHARON ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CALVARY AT 9:30 A.M.



#### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- 1. No Women's Fellowship Farmer's Market until July 9, 2023.
- 2. 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.

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

**†** The schedule for that weekend will be as follows:

**We look forward to the participation of the leadership of the Conference.** 

- 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. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
  - Rev. Camille James-Joefield has accepted a call to serve in the Supplementary Ministry as Associate Pastor of the Spring Garden and Bethesda Congregations in the Tobago Conference. This call is effective August 1, 2023. Please pray for Sis. James-Joefield and family as they answer the call of God in this season.
  - Our Provincial Days of Prayer continue on July 1, 2023. With the John Hus Festival occurring in July, we will meet for a Provincial prayer meeting on July 1, 2023 at 5:30 a.m. Please prepare to join this prayer meeting as we intercede for the church, the world, and ourselves. The link for the meeting will be shared shortly.
- 5. Flower Festival 2023 is scheduled for the second weekend in November 2023. The theme is *"Rebirth"*. Please feel free to indicate your desire to sponsor a location in the sanctuary.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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: <u>moravianvoice@gmail.com</u>
- 8. 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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#### **Provincial Theme 2023**:

"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

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#### **PRAYER NEEDS:**

1. <u>Our Shut-ins:</u> Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore



- 2. <u>The Sick/Recovering:</u> *•* Of our congregation: Sis. Cynthia Moore
- 3. World Peace

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### **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</u> <u>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.**

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Rev. Erflin Browne

# CALENDAR

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#### **MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS**

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GRENADA

MISSION

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# 2023

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Hermhu Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722. Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415

### 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 Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732

#### Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741 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

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