

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Jesus said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:59-60

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

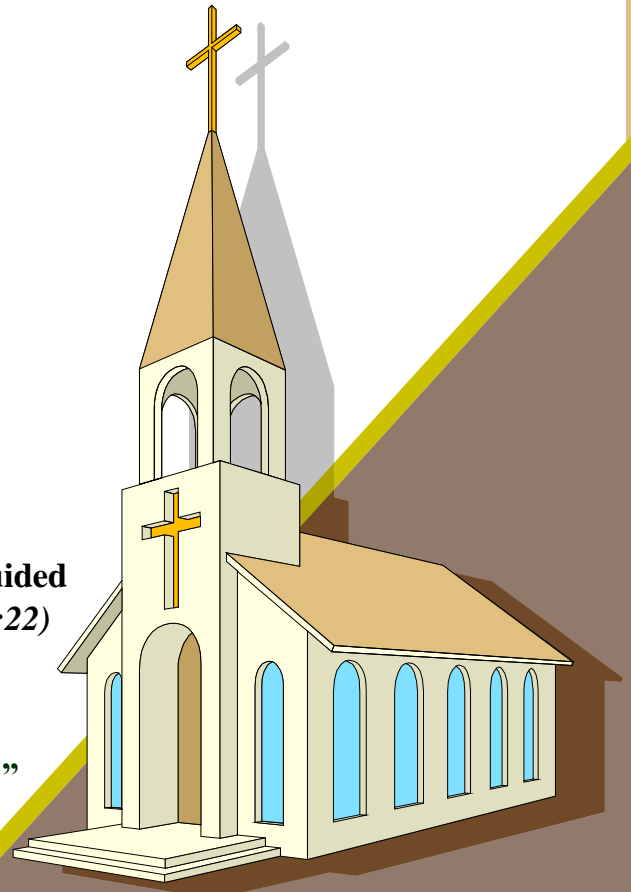
Welcome: This is another day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We welcome you to this time of worship – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome is extended to the Chairman, the Directors, Staff and friends of Williams Industries Inc. as they join us in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. May we all be blessed as we worship.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
(Galatians 5:22)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 47:1-2): *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

A Canticle of Praise (p. 235 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome & Celebrations

Greetings & Remarks by Mr. Ralph Williams, Chairman of Williams Industries

Notices & Concerns

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: 467 – “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology – “*Give Thanks*”

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 16

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51 – 62

Choir Anthem – “*Songs for the Journey*”

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment

Intercessory Prayers

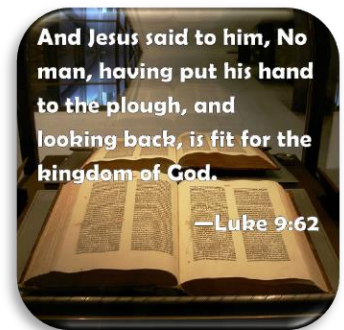
✠ Prayer for the Growth and Prosperity of Williams Industries Inc.

✠ Prayer for the Good Conduct and Blessing of Commerce in Barbados.

Hymn 273 – “*All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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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 benefiits.

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



Welcome & Celebrations



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Notices & Concerns



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: 467 –

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.



Prayer of Dedication of 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*)



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 16

1. Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
2. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;
3. But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
4. Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
5. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
6. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
8. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
10. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
11. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.



Second Scripture Reading: **Luke 9: 51 – 62**

51. And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,
52. And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.
53. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?
55. But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.
56. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.
57. And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.
58. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.
59. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
60. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.
61. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.
62. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.



Choir Anthem – “Songs For The Journey”



Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment

Intercessory Prayers:

- † **Prayer for the Growth and Prosperity of Williams Industries Inc.**
- † **Prayer for the Good Conduct and Blessing of Commerce in Barbados.**



Closing Hymn: 273 –

All the way my Saviour leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages –
'Jesus led me all the way!'



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Mavis Sandiford

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



Flowers today were donated by Williams Industries Inc. in celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 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 at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *We are continuing our study on being Peacemakers.* Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Provincial Day of Prayer – 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.

† Next Sunday: No Worship here at Sharon – Annual Convention at Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street at 10:00 a.m.



In the Month of July 2022:

- † Annual Convention – Sunday, 3rd, 10: a.m., Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street.
- † Sharon Women’s Fellowship 80th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday 10th, 9:30 a.m.
- † Opening Service of the 33rd Provincial Synod – Sunday, 17th, 9:00 a.m. Led from Cashew Hill, Antigua.
- † 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church EWI Province – 17th – 22nd.
- † Conference Prayer Meeting – Saturday, 23rd.
- † Laity Sunday – 24th.
- † Green Sunday – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Chairman of PEC: The monthly Provincial Day of Prayer continues this Friday, July 1, 2022. We will meet to seek the face of God at a single prayer meeting from 5:00 am to 6:30 a.m., #itiswell. Let us begin the day together calling upon the name of the Lord. Given that our Provincial Prayer meeting is once per month, please make a special effort to attend. The St. Kitts Conference will lead us. The Zoom link for our prayer meeting is the same as the ones before and will be shared in time for Provincial Prayer on Friday.
 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 to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
 3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
 4. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - † Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.

- † Those who are not back out to church as yet 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 LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. **The success of the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.**
5. **God’s covering during the Hurricane Season**
6. **World Peace**



In celebration of Heritage Month:

THE SHARON CHURCH

The recognition of our Moravian Heritage this month comes to a close with a look at the Sharon Church. The Moravian mission in Barbados began in 1765, with services at Bunker’s Hill, (Old Sharon) St Thomas. This building at Sharon dates back to 1799 and has survived the great hurricane of 1831, along with slave uprisings. Sharon is the first Moravian church in Barbados and has been featured on the 15 cents stamp. Its European architecture has allowed it to be listed by the Barbados National Trust as a historical building worthy of preservation – an edifice built by slaves for slaves. The steeple at Sharon is unique, and is used as a landmark for many a traveller. The pulpit is the steeple upside down and once rested solely on a tree stump now on display at the back of the church. The ‘roundabout’ outside

represents the map of Barbados, with the Rose of Sharon tree in the middle – where St Thomas is. A heritage like no other – rich and one to be proud of!!!



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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.**



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #3
Date: May 20, 2022
Ref: PEC 130/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Synod Planning Committee along with the Provincial Board makes the following announcement in relation to the 33rd Provincial Synod to be held virtually from July 17 – 22, 2022:

- 1. The pre-synod events planned for May 26, 2022 and June 16, 2022 have been cancelled. Instead, Synod will convene virtually on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for two hours where preliminary matters will be settled. Another session will be held on June 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to begin receiving reports.**
- 2. The opening service will be streamed live from Cashew Hill on July 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with participation from all Conferences. More details will be shared later. It is expected that members will join this worship service from their respective sanctuaries.**
- 3. Voting at Synod for PEC, Bishop, Unity Synod Delegate, and any other special elections will be done via a dedicated app created for this event.**
- 4. Each delegate to the 33rd Provincial Synod must have a mobile device such as a smartphone, a tablet, or a laptop. Delegates must also have an active email account.**
- 5. Synod registration is US\$50 per delegate.**
- 6. Observers may visit the site where their Conference delegates are meeting. However, the numbers of observers will be in accordance with the local Covid-19 and Conference restrictions.**
- 7. Registration for Synod will begin in the week of May 22, 2022.**

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✦ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✦ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✦ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✦ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

