



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



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

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for [brothers and sisters] to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1) We gladly welcome everyone to this service of worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. It is our “Come Back Sunday”, and we extend a special welcome to all who made the special effort to “come back.” May hearts be refreshed as we worship.

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WATCHWORD: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. *(Lamentations 3:22)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

Canticle of Praise

p. 234 / 235 – CMP Liturgy Book

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD’s offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.” (Exodus 35:21)*

Offertory Hymn: 235 – *“Take My Life And Let It Be”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology – *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

GREETINGS & CELEBRATIONS

✠ Presentation of tokens: Hymn 447 – *“What Brought Us Together”*

✠ My Sharon Connection

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading:

1 John 1:1 – 9

Second Scripture Reading:

Mark 5:21 – 43

Choir Anthem – *“God And God Alone”*

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 236 – *“Lift Up Your Hearts”*

Courtesies

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation To Worship



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 benefits.

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



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD’s offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.” (Exodus 35:21)*

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

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



Presentation of tokens: Hymn 447 –

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



My Sharon Connection



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1 – 9

1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
4. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21 – 43

21. And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.
22. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,
23. And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.
24. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.
25. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
26. And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
27. When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
28. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
29. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
30. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
31. And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
32. And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
33. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
34. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.
35. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?
36. As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.
38. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.
39. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
40. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.
41. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.
42. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.
43. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.



Choir Anthem – “*God And God Alone*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 236 –

‘Lift up your hearts!’ we lift them, Lord, to thee;
 Here at thy feet none other may we see:
 ‘Lift up your hearts!’ E’en so, with one accord,
 We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,
 The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
 The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,
 O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'



Courtesies



The Benediction



Organ Postlude

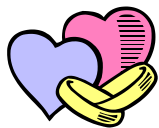


Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Advanced: Zelia Kellman & Nathan Maynard (July 1st), Violet Ellis & Kimberley Eversley (2nd), Berkeley Greenidge, Andrea Maynard, Marjorie Adams & Aaron Ramsay (3rd), Eudora Payne (6th), Luther Barker (8th), Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle (10th), Zhane Kellman (11th), Angela Applewhaite (12th)



Congratulations to Bro. Wayne & Sis. Danielle Griffith who will celebrate their 2nd Wedding Anniversary on July 2, 2024; Congratulations to Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who will celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2024.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Mechelle Lewis-Downer in memory of her late father, 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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: **COME BACK SUNDAY**

† 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.

† Next Sunday: **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

† 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 July 2024:

† The Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on Monday, July 1, 2024, from 6:00 am – 7:00 am led by the Tobago Conference. Please join us in prayer as we call on the name of the Lord and believe God to answer and show us great and mighty things. The link for our prayer meeting is: Meeting ID: 879 5734 3522 / Passcode: 302707

† Annual Convention – Sunday, 7th, 9:30 a.m. at Sharon.

† Brown & Green Sunday – 14th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear brown and green and present a walk-up offering of brown and green Barbados currency.

† Laity Sunday – 21st.

† The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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2. **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.**
3. **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.**



4. 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, 1 st 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

5. 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.
6. 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

17. A tale of 2 sextons!

Every institution has special characters. Sharon is no different: There was Bro McCarthy (Mr Mac) – he rang the bell for 15 minutes straight - e.g. from 10.45 to 11.00 a.m. and started to close the church the minute the organ stopped at the end of service. And Bro Carter, who rang the bell 49 times, because the Bible speaks of 7 times 7!





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. **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.**



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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

