



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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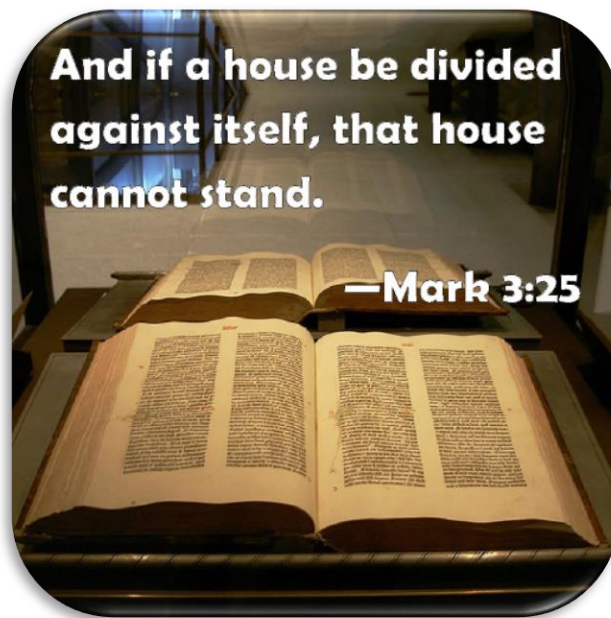


*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV

**And if a house be divided
against itself, that house
cannot stand.**

—Mark 3:25



Sunday, June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!” Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – as we honour God today in our worship; He is worthy of all glory and praise. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
(Psalm 130:2)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call To Worship: Psalm 92:1

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD.

Congregation: *And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.*

Hymn 38 – “Immortal, Invisible”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

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: 410 – “God of Mercy, God of Grace” **Tune: Crescent Road**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:8 – 15

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20 – 35

Choir Anthem – “Love Is The Answer”

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 240 – “I’m Pressing On The Upward Way”

Benediction & Organ Postlude



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Though I walk in the
middle of trouble, you will
revive me: you shall
stretch forth your hand
against the wrath of my
enemies...

—Psalm 138:7

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call To Worship: Psalm 92:1

Leader: **It is good to give thanks to the LORD.**

Congregation: *And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.*



Hymn 38 –

Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
Of light hideth Thee.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

1. I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
5. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.
6. Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



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: 410 –

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth’s remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.



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



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 3: 8 – 15

8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 3: 20 – 35

20. And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.
21. And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.
22. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?
24. And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
25. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
26. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.
27. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
28. Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
29. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.
30. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.
31. There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.
32. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.
33. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?
34. And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!
35. For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.



Choir Anthem – “*Love Is The Answer*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 240 –

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!" Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – as we honour God today in our worship; He is worthy of all glory and praise. Welcome.



Today: Evelina King-Harper

Advanced: Victor Carrington & Edna Taylor (11th), Danielle Holloway (12th), Allison Greenidge-Thomas (13th), Daphne Holder & Jabarrie Prescod (15th)



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.
 - † 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.
 - † Meeting of Board of Stewards 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.
- † Saturday: Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. (Saturday before Communion and the third Saturday of the month)
- † Next Sunday: FATHERS' DAY
 - † 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:

- † Father's Day – 16th
- † "Come Back Sunday" – 30th.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We resume 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.
 - ✝ Listen to our youth as they share on Moravian Voice during the month of May; Thursdays on Life 97.5 FM at 9.30 a.m.



The Past 225 Years

14. The large table which currently sits in the Senate was commissioned by the late Prime Minister, Errol Barrow. It is so huge that it had to be transported in sections. It was built by Mr Oliver Gooding, a member of Sharon. The current altar table was also built by Mr Gooding. Its lettering to the front is a work of art itself.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, 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.**



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

