

## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

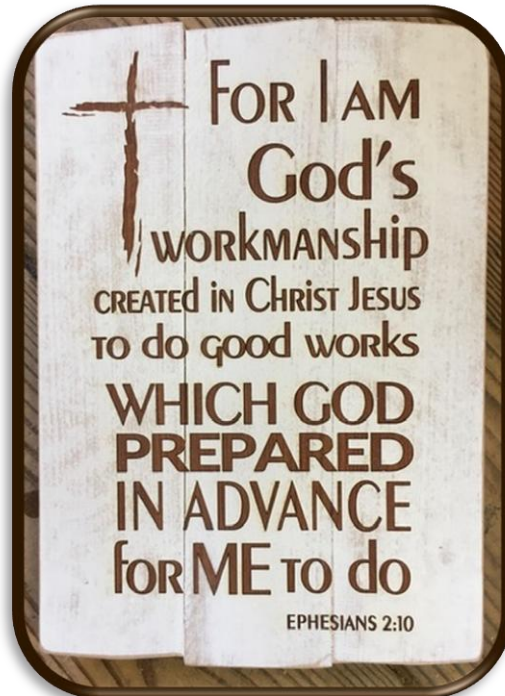
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Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** In response to the call to gather for worship, we are met today, though virtually, and we yield heart and mind to the God of all creation. May our voices and our lives be tuned to sing his praise. Welcome.

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris*

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*Associate Pastor:*

*Rev. Movelle Kellman*

**WATCHWORD:** By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

*(Ephesians 2:8)*

**Provincial Theme 2021:** *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Invitation to Worship: *O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;* (Psalm 107:1 – 2)

Hymn 102–*In The Cross Of Christ I Glory*

Litany – Lent B (p. 117 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

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Hymn of Preparation: 208–*Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound*

Sermon– *Rev. Movelle Kellman*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

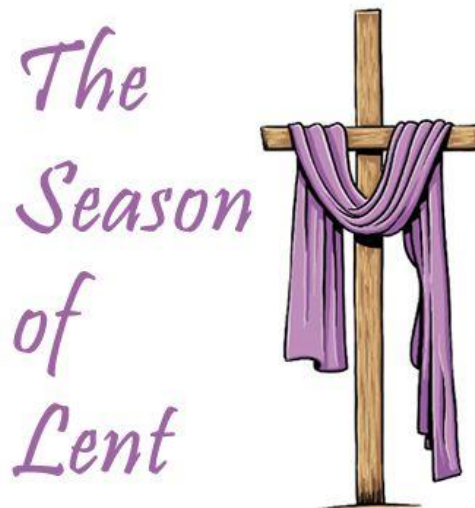
Hymn –*Marvelous Grace (Grace Greater Than Our Sin)*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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**Opening Hymn: 102—**

**In the cross of Christ I glory;  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me,  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way:  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more lustre to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**



**Lent (B)**

*All stand*

Come people of God, let us walk with our Lord by following His example.  
*We will follow our Lord.*

*Tune: DEM HEILIGEN BLUT*

**Go, follow the Saviour,  
Consider his travail;  
Adore him for ever,  
Ye sinners, and marvel;  
It is for you  
He suffers so.**

**Behold the Lord Jesus,  
For you he is wounded,  
He bleeds to release us;  
His love is unbounded:  
For evermore,  
His name adore.**

*John Cennick (1718 – 1755)*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

*Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, giving thanks to his name.*

God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. We give you thanks for granting the penitent sinner justification through your own sacrifice. Your promise is to deliver us from the control of darkness and transfer us into the Kingdom of Light.

*Thank you God for the gift of freedom which no one could purchase! Jesus paid the price for us and we are very grateful. Hallelujah!*

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

*Grant us sustained peace.*

*All sit*

Let us pray:

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you have enabled us to gather in your name. We are awed by your power and majesty, and touched by your love revealed to us in your Son Jesus Christ. Today, we remember with devotion, his last journey to Jerusalem to complete his work as our Messiah; to suffer, die and rise again. Our spirits are humbled by his obedience to your perfect will. O Father, we confess with shame, our slowness to learn from the example of our Lord. Look mercifully upon us, we pray, as we acknowledge and confess our sins:

*Father, we confess that we have sinned against you, yet we know that you love us still. In your steadfast love, forgive our feeble worship which we offer to you; pardon our paltry praise; extend your mercy to us in our failure to be genuine in our fellowship one with the other, and absolve our tendency to neglect attending to the needs of those who are the least among us within our communities. Reclaim us as your own for we truly repent of our sins as we resolve to follow in the footsteps of your Son. We embrace God's promise to us: A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Amen.*

Jesus, you were tempted in every way as we are yet you did not sin. You triumphed over temptation by the power of your word.

*As we are bombarded daily by temptations of the body, mind and spirit, may we see ourselves as overcomers because of the power of your Holy Word which we have hidden in our hearts so that we may not sin against you.*

Empowering Holy Spirit of God, the source of all that is good and true in this life:

*Give us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Tune: NEAR THE CROSS*

**Jesus, keep me near the Cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all – a healing stream –  
Flows from Calvary’s mountain.**

*In the Cross, in the Cross,  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

**Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadow o’er me.**

*Fanny Crosby (1820 – 1915)*

*All stand*

By your agony and passion;  
By all your sacred wounds;  
By your cross and precious blood;  
By your innocent suffering and dying;  
By your stripes which heal;  
By your rest in the grave;  
By your triumphant victory over death;  
By your resurrection and ascension.

*Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.*

*Tune: POWER IN THE BLOOD*

**Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o’er evil a victory win?  
There’s wonderful power in the blood.**

*There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

*Lewis E. Jones (1865 – 1936)*

Our Saviour in his living never failed to teach, heal, encourage and befriend all people. May we, even as we follow his perfect example and bear our own crosses, likewise demonstrate Christ's compassion to all we meet.

*May we become aware that we are channels of God's grace, not magnifying our troubles or forgetting our blessings. May God give us a ready mind to minister to others on their journey, to share our gifts with those in need, and to be always willing to proclaim to all, the good news of salvation.*

We give you thanks for the obedience of Christ, who by his death on the cross purchased our redemption; to the same one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honour and power for ever. *Amen.*

*Tune: ROCKINGHAM*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)*



## **Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

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***Advanced:** Joyce Kellman (15<sup>th</sup>), Eric Husbands (16<sup>th</sup>), Richard Prescod (18<sup>th</sup>), Rudolph Best & Sheila Foster-Clarke (19<sup>th</sup>), Anita Lowe (20<sup>th</sup>)*



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ Today                      Worship – 9:30 a.m.

### 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).

✝ Wednesday:              Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

✝ Lenten Devotions–8:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

✝ NEXT SUNDAY      Theological Education Sunday

✝ Worship – 9:30 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

### 1. From the PEC:

✝ Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder! As we look toward Lent and Easter, the Province is called to an intentional time of prayer and fasting for the duration of Lent. We are encouraged to adhere to the basic principles Daniel followed in Daniel 10: 3 – Prayer, no sweets, no meat, and no alcohol. The Provincial Newsletter for February has more details on the Daniel Fast. During this period, Mondays – Fridays, scripture verses to guide personal morning reflections and prayer will be distributed. In the evenings, there will be short, impactful devotions beginning at 8:00 pm on Zoom. Each Conference will lead evening devotions for one week during Lent as follows:

Conference	Devotion Dates	Sub-Theme
Trinidad	February 18-19	Seek
Tobago	February 22-26	Submit
Barbados	March 1 – 5	Hear and Heed
St. Kitts	March 8 – 12	Imagination and Insight
Antigua	March 15 – 19	Focus and Function
Virgin Islands	March 22 – 26	Total Transformation

✝ We need God to do mighty things in us, through us, in the church, in our communities, and the world. Let us ready our hearts and minds for the journey

✝ Sunday March 21, 2021 is Theological Education Sunday. Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?

✝ Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe, and our Minister in training, Sis. Marleen Browne.

✝ If you sense God calling you deeper in service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many branches.

- ✝ On March 21, 2021, a special offering will be received for theological education. Last year you gave EC\$9,158 toward theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29,000. Please give as the Lord allows.
- ✝ The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is *“He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth”* (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.
2. From the Superintendent: The government of Barbados has given indication that it will soon end the current national directive for churches to suspend gatherings in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It is anticipated that churches will be allowed to have gatherings of up to 75 attendees beginning Palm Sunday, March 28th, at which time the Moravian Church in Barbados will reopen its places of worship.
- ✝ In the meantime, until a new directive is given, you are encouraged to remain engaged by making use of our online resources such as our social media pages and our livestreamed worship services on YouTube and Facebook.
- ✝ Worship times are as follows:
- ✝ Calvary / Grace Hill / Fulnec Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Bethlehem / Faith Pastorate – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Continue to follow the directives and recommendations of our public health officials and agencies, that we may do our part in maintaining the health of our community and fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. 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 labeled 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
4. Flower Festival 2021: has been cancelled as the ongoing COVID-19 has negatively impacted preparations, particularly the procurement of flowers.



5. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



**Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*



### Adoration In Songs & Choruses



### Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1 – 10

- 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.



Hymn of Preparation: 208 –

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn –

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out poured;  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse with-in  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

**Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.**

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?**



## **Benediction**



## **Organ Postlude**



### **AVAILABLE:**

- ✚ **Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24**
- ✚ **Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.**
- ✚ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- ✚ **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- ✚ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.**
- ✚ **Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.**
- ✚ **The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.**



## **Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021**

**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 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 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 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, Dedication, 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.**

