



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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JESUS said:

**"And I, when I am
lifted up from the
earth, will draw
all people to myself."**

He said this to show the kind
of death he was going to die.



John 12:32-33

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "Praise God! Praise God with singing!" On this Theological Education Sunday we celebrate the privilege of being coworkers with God in the ministry of reconciliation. As we worship, may we be open to the call of God upon our lives. May we say "yes." To all, we say, welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Invitation to Worship: *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.* (Psalm 33:1 – 4)

Hymn 484 – “My God How Wonderful Thou Art”

Litany for Education p. 178, Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: John 12:20 – 33

Hymn of Preparation: 432 – “Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 434 – “O Master, When Thou Callest”

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.



The
Season
of
Lent



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Opening Hymn: 484—

**My God how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!**

**O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me, thy sinful child.**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!**



EDUCATION

All standing.

TUNE: BLACK ROCK

**We come this day to give you thanks:
We bring our loudest praise,
Our talents, skills, our hearts and hands
In gratitude we raise.**

**We come and bow before your throne
To pledge ourselves anew,
The ones we teach at school or home
We consecrate to you.**

**Help us to teach only what's right
And keep our conscience clear.
Give us the strength to daily fight
Against the devil's snare.**

2003. Joan Smith and Natalee Smith

Omniscient Creator, with whom is wisdom and might, counsel and understanding, you are perfect in knowledge, and from you comes every good gift and every perfect gift. We praise you for the wisdom, power and love displayed in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in all humanity, whom you made to have dominion over the works of your hands.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, the Teacher come from God, Incarnate Word, Eternal Truth, we praise you that you have come to be a light unto them that sit in darkness, and that you have called us to the life of the children of light.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Divine Holy Spirit, our Helper and our Strength, we praise you for revealing unto humanity the deep things of God, dividing your gifts to each one even as you will, witnessing with our spirit that we are children of God, and leading us in the path of the wisdom from above.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

TUNE: OMBERSLEY

**Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star,
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!**

**Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,**

**Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.**

**Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame!**

Oliver W. Holmes (1809 – 1894)

All seated.

Let us pray.

O Gracious God, who would have all people come to a knowledge of yourself as revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord: We remember before you, on this day, every educational enterprise established for the instruction and care of children and youth, in this and other lands: public and private schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries. Enlighten and inspire by your Holy Spirit all who serve in them, to receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity.

O God, hear us, and help us.

Command your blessing upon the schools and colleges of our Church. May all who teach therein themselves be taught of you. Give our trustees and administrators the wisdom and courage which so great a work demands. Should thy servants, in weakness of flesh and spirit, be tempted to doubt and discouragement, do thou comfort and strengthen them.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the whole educational work of the Church in our congregations at home and abroad. Assist parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord by prayer, instruction and example. Touch by thy Spirit the minds and lives of pastors and teachers so that they may lead our children unto that knowledge which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the children and youth of our homes and schools. Arouse them to diligence in the morning of life. Fill them with the spirit of honour and reverence. Preserve them in honesty and integrity. Keep them in purity and health.

Do guide them:

In the search of the Scriptures,
In the study of thy wondrous works,
In the pursuit of truth,
In all their thoughts, words and deeds.

And may the example of their Saviour:

In his innocent childhood and youth,

In his willing obedience,
In his unselfish service of his fellow men,
In his perfect pattern in life and death,
Be their constant inspiration.

O God, hear us, and help us.

All standing.

TUNE: ST. LEONARD

**Father Supreme by whom we live,
Thou who art God alone,
Our songs of grateful praise receive,
And make our hearts thy throne.**

**May every science, every truth,
Our eager minds explore;
Lead us alike in age and youth
Thy wisdom to adore.**

**May those who teach, and those who learn,
Walk in the narrow road;
In every sphere of thought discern
An ever-present God.**

Edward H. Dewart (1828 – 1903)



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Today:Amayah Chase-Belgrave

Advanced:Oneta Durant (25th), Peter Layne (26th), Maudrie Holder, Antoinette Pilgrim-Moaze& Mario Turton (27th)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Theological Education Sunday
✝ 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).
- ✝ Monday to Friday: Lenten Devotions – 8:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
- ✝ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
- ✝ Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom.
- ✝ NEXT SUNDAY Palm Sunday
✝ Worship – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Government of Barbados has amended its COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings to allow churches to have up to 75 attendees at worship. Our Pastorate of Sharon and Dunscombe will resume in-sanctuary worship beginning Palm Sunday, March 28th. The COVID-19 protocols for mask wearing, six-foot distancing and sanitizing, as included at the end of this bulletin, will be in place.
 - ✝ Please remain engaged by making use of our online resources such as our webpage at sharonmoravian.info, our social media pages and our livestreamed worship services on YouTube and Facebook.
 - ✝ 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.
2. From the PEC:
 - ✝ 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? 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.
 - ✝ 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 use the offering envelopes we provide, there is a special envelope 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.
 - ✝ 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 p.m 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
 - † The Good Friday Offering for 2021 will go towards Provincial Missionary endeavours including Education and Medical Missions.
 - † 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.
 - † The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 8:00 pm. April 6th to 8:00 p.m. April 9, 2021. Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Wednesday, April 7th, 2:01 p.m. – Thursday, April 8th, 4:00 a.m. [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for an half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. This watch has been a Moravian practice since August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.
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 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.

4. Flower Festival 2021 has been cancelled as the ongoing COVID-19 has negatively impacted preparations, particularly the procurement of flowers.
5. 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.*

The Bereaved: *We express condolences and we pray for Bro. Walwyn Blackman and family on the passing of his brother Sir. Courtney Blackman.*



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: John 12:20 – 33

- 20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
- 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
- 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.
- 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
- 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
- 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
- 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

- 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
- 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.
- 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
- 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
- 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.



Hymn of Preparation: 432 –

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 In living echoes of thy tone;
 As thou has sought, so let me seek
 Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
 The wandering and the wavering feet;
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
 Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
 Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
 I may stretch out a loving hand
 To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
 The precious things thou dost impart;
 And wing my words, that they may reach
 The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
 Until my very heart o'erflow
 In kindling thought and glowing word,
 Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
 Until thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 434 –

O Master, when thou callest,
No voice may say thee nay,
For blest are they that follow
Where thou dost lead the way;
In freshest prime of morning,
Or fullest glow of noon,
The note of heavenly warning
Can never come too soon.

O Master, when thou callest,
No foot may shrink in fear;
For they who trust thee wholly
Shall find thee ever near:
And chamber still and lonely,
Or busy harvest field,
Where thou, Lord, rulest only,
Shall precious produce yeild.

O Master, when thou callest,
No heart may dare refuse;
'Tishonour, highest honour,
When thou dost deign to use;
Our brightest and our fairest,
Our dearest — all are thine;
Thou who for each one carest,
We hail thy love's design.

They who go forth to serve thee,
We too who serve at home,
May watch and pray together
Until thy kingdom come.
In thee for aye united,
Our song of hope we raise,
Till that blest shore is sighted
Where all shall turn to praise.



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.**

