



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



Sunday, May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; on this Mother's Day as we celebrate and give God thanks for our mothers. We give special welcome to all women as we express our appreciation for their maternal care. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
(John 17:17)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Introit – Choir

Litany For Women & Mothers (p. 210 – Liturgy Book / Projected)

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

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3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. (Ephesians
6:1 – 3)*

Offertory Hymn: 351 – *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Sis. Yvonne Burrell

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

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Choir Anthem – *“Total Praise”*

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Hymn of Preparation: 652 – *“Faith of our Mothers”* – Sung by the Women’s Fellowship

Sermon – Rev. Movelle Kellman

Hymn of Reflection: 265 – *“Shackled by a heavy burden”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 658 – *“Here Is A Crown for Mother”* *Tune: Wye Valley*

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



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WOMEN AND MOTHERS

All standing.

Today, Lord God, we give thanks and praise for all women and mothers; all who have joined with you in the special task of co-creating.

For them and their labours, we praise you.

For all women who have yielded their bodies as vehicles and borne children and replenished your creation.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have nurtured and cared for other people's children and loved them as their own.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who each day make personal sacrifices as they toil to provide for fatherless children.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have lost their lives while giving life to others.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for all other Christian women who taught their children the faith and to walk in your fear.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For women who have successfully served and excelled in their chosen careers and for those who have supported their efforts and lauded their achievements;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those women who have given of their best, whether with the family, the marketplace, the Church, or seats of leadership;

Father in heaven, we thank you.

Tune: Thank You Lord

**Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, thank you Lord.
I just want to thank you; I just want to thank you;
I just want to thank you Lord.**

Traditional

All seated.

We pray, O heavenly Father:

For mothers who have laboured with men to bring up their children in your faith and favour.

Strengthen them O Lord.

For women and mothers who teach our children in the classrooms of life.

Strengthen them O Lord.

For those who are frustrated with demands and responsibilities of nurturing young lives.

Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.

For those who feel broken and bruised by the pressures of this life.

Strengthen and encourage them O Lord.

All Women:

Loving God, you created us for yourself. Forgive us where we have taken lightly the tasks of motherhood and the blessings of womanhood.

For those who have not given love and care to others in need;

For those who have not lived out their faith so that others can see;

For those who have failed to be who you call us to be, we seek forgiveness, Lord.

Help us to see that you desire to fill us with yourself and make us whole.

Tune: Fill My Cup

**Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Saviour speaking:
‘Draw from my well that never shall run dry.’**

***Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more –
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!***

Richard E. Blanchard (1925 – 2004)

Lord, we pray for women who are victims of war and poverty and for those who are raped and brutalized daily.

Speak your peace, Lord, to the troubled sea of their lives and change their course. Speak your courage and your power that they may rise up and change the course of their lives.

Lord, we pray for women and mothers who struggle to make ends meet and have nothing to set before their children. We lift up before you women and others who live in situations of domestic violence; those who feel small and worthless to change their situation; those who feel ashamed and endure their pain in silence. Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto you.

Loving Lord, we think of those women, who as mothers, have suffered the loss of children. We remember especially the children who have died in their youth and infancy. We are confident, good Lord, that you have taken them into your everlasting arms. Help us to not forget the women who are mothers of unborn children – pregnancies which have been miscarried or aborted. We also lift before you women who patiently await the joys of motherhood and those who have not had that privilege.

Give your grace and strength, merciful Lord.

Lord, we thank you for all women and for our mothers. We are grateful for the sacrifice they have made. We thank you too for the Christian example they have set by raising those entrusted to their care in the house of God. Forgive us where we have neglected to express our love and gratitude to those women whose lives have impacted ours. Lead us to honour and respect our mothers and the women in our lives.

May Almighty God bless all women and mothers. May Jesus Christ empower them to do His will. And, may the Holy Spirit lead them into all truth, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen*



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1 – 3)*

Offertory Hymn: 351 –

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Sis. Yvonne Burrell

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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Presentation – Love Letters to Mothers – Adventures in Worship



Worship in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10 – 31 – Sis. Candace Barker

- 10.** Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 11.** The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
13. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
14. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
15. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
16. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
17. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
18. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
19. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
20. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
26. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
27. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
29. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.



Choir Anthem – “Total Praise”



Second Scripture Reading: John 17: 6 – 19 – Sis. Eula Gibbs

6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
14. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.



Hymn of Preparation: 652 – (*Sung by the Women’s Fellowship*)

Faith of our mothers, living still,
First known in mother’s tender care
And still guiding us in life’s way
In spite of strife and worldly cares.

*Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death*

Faith of our mothers, well infused
By prayer, by word, and faithful life.
Thus o’er the years our hearts were shaped
And shown our heavenly father’s love.

Faith of our mothers, you have kept
Our spirits bright in life’s dark hour.
And through the grinding storms of life,
Your truth has been our hope and power.

Faith of our mothers, holy faith;
That binds our souls to God’s good grace.
So may His perfect cleansing lead
To justice, truth, a saintlier race.



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Hymn of Reflection: 265 –

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same.

*He touched me, Oh He touched me;
And oh the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I've met the blessed Saviour,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls!



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 658 –

Here's a crown for mother.
Lay it on her brow.
Though she ask no favour,
Let her wear it now.
For she rules a kingdom;
Mighty is her sway.
In the realms of childhood
Crown her queen today.

In our garden, roses
Bloom and fade away.
So it is with mothers:
For a while they stay.
Still we must be thankful
To our God above
And while travelling homeward,
Think of them with love.

When the little dear ones
Gather round their knees,
Some Moms pray with reverence,
Thanking God for these.
We can hear past accents
Even to this day,
When as little children
We were taught to pray.

For our dear old mothers
Who have gone before,
May our cherished mem'ries

Deepen and endure.
For while they were with us,
They gave us their best.
Hear our prayer dear Father,
'Grant them perfect rest.'



The Benediction



Organ Postlude

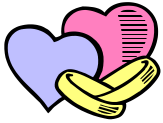


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Advanced: Lucine Baker (13th), Gwendolyn Brewster & Gabrielle Cumberbatch (14th), Dawn Maynard (15th)



Congratulations to Bro. Dennis & Sis. Julia Depeiza who will celebrate their 46th Wedding Anniversary on May 13, 2024; Bro. Martin & Sis. Sophia Codrington who will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on May 15, 2024.



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: MOTHER'S DAY

† 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.

† Board of Stewards meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

† Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

† Thursday: George Ramsay Memorial Lecture in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Next Sunday: PENTECOST

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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Activities in the Month of June 2024:

† Trinity Sunday – 2nd

† Father's Day – 16th

† "Come Back Sunday" – 30th.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Remember that we resume the "Basket of Hope" ministry as of today, in which you have opportunity to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made every Sunday, 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:
 - † "The George Ramsay Memorial" Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Professor Pedro Welch.
 - † "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, 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

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.



The Past 225 Years



11. On this Mothers' day, as we continue to celebrate our 225 years on this site, let us recognise two mothers and builders of this congregation: **Sis Gwendolyn Brewster** – who will be 97 years old on May 14, 2024. Biological mother of a few, but adoptive mother of several. She has raised and nurtured several from far and wide; **Sis Gloria Skeete** – who was 97 years old on April 22 2024. Godmother to what seems like hundreds and adoptive mother to several more. She too has raised and nurtured many. We give thanks for them and the service they have provided to the young and old, from near and far.



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. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences and pray for Sis. Esmay Walrond and family on the passing of her brother-in-law.*
4. **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



Sharon Moravian Church
presents the
**GEORGE RAMSAY
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

“The role of the Moravian Church on the Barbadian landscape, with a special emphasis on Sharon”

**Thursday May 16, 2024
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**Presenter –
Professor Pedro Welch**