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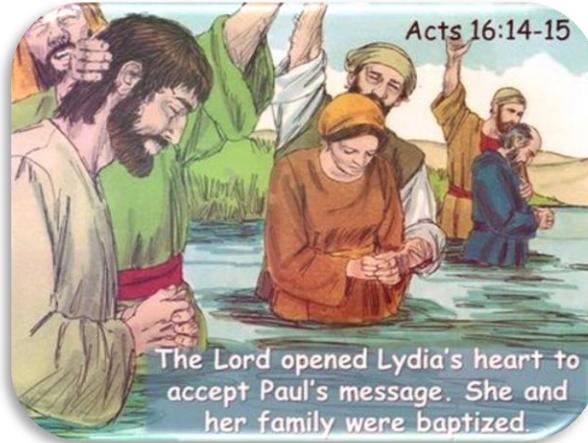
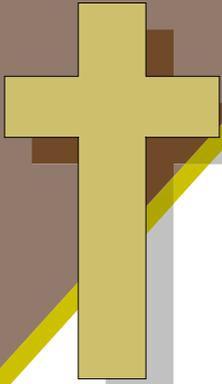
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Sunday, May 22, 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: “We have come into his house, and gathered in His name, to worship him.” Welcome to this time of worship — whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May we be aware of God’s abundant grace, and his precious Holy Spirit, that we truly worship him.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”
(John 14:27)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 165 – *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

Hymn 162 – *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.”* (Psalm 145:14 – 15).

Offertory Hymn: 238 – *“Love Lifted Me”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Acts 16: 9 – 15

Choir Anthem – *“O Love of God”*

Second Scripture Reading – John 14: 23 – 29

Hymn of Preparation: 250 – *“My Jesus I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

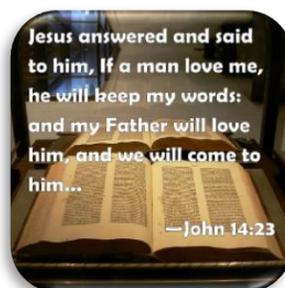
Hymn 256 – *“Come, We That Love The Lord”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Introit

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 165 –

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; *Selah*.
2. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
4. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. *Selah*.
5. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
7. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.



Hymn 162 –

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.” (Psalm 145:14 – 15).*

Offertory Hymn 238 –

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too,
To Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea
Billows His will obey,
He your Saviour wants to be –
Be saved today.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 9 – 15

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
11. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;
12. And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.
13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.
14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.



Choir Anthem – “O Love of God”



Second Scripture Reading: John 14: 23 – 29

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
25. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
29. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.



Hymn of Preparation: 250 –

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first lovèd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 256 –

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found,
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
Celestial fruits on earthly ground

From faith and hope may grow.
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

There shall we see his face,
And be all free from sin,
There from the rivers of his grace
There from the rivers of his grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Drink endless pleasures in.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: David King & Joan Taylor

Advanced: Elizabeth Ifill (23rd), Dwight Waithe (24th), Amaiya Greenidge, Anson Skeete, Carlo Smith-Tull & Mechelle Lewis-Downer (25th), Tricia Babb, Heather Barker & Deighton Davis (27th)



Congratulations to Bro. Steven & Sis. Sonia King who will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on May 25, 2022.

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.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- † 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).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – Online at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *We are continuing our study on being Peacemakers.* Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: EXCHANGE OF PULPIT
 - † Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. We made a surplus of \$5,144 from our EASTER FOOD SALE on Easter Monday. Again, we express thanks to all who organized, contributed to and supported the effort in any way.

3. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✠ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to consecrate the Rev. Nevin Lewis to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago.
 - ✠ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to ordain Supplementary Pastor Judy Winspeare-Philip to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The ordination service takes place on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.
 - ✠ Please pray for Bro. Nevin Lewis and Sis. Winspeare-Philip and their families as they embrace the call of God on their lives and pledge continued service.
4. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
5. 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.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
‡ **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Annie Harris*
3. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

‡ **Moravian Daily Text 2022:**

‡ **American Paperback Edition – \$25**

‡ **American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**

- ‡ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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.**



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #3
Date: May 20, 2022
Ref: PEC 130/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Synod Planning Committee along with the Provincial Board makes the following announcement in relation to the 33rd Provincial Synod to be held virtually from July 17 – 22, 2022:

- 1. The pre-synod events planned for May 26, 2022 and June 16, 2022 have been cancelled. Instead, Synod will convene virtually on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for two hours where preliminary matters will be settled. Another session will be held on June 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to begin receiving reports.**
- 2. The opening service will be streamed live from Cashew Hill on July 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with participation from all Conferences. More details will be shared later. It is expected that members will join this worship service from their respective sanctuaries.**
- 3. Voting at Synod for PEC, Bishop, Unity Synod Delegate, and any other special elections will be done via a dedicated app created for this event.**
- 4. Each delegate to the 33rd Provincial Synod must have a mobile device such as a smartphone, a tablet, or a laptop. Delegates must also have an active email account.**
- 5. Synod registration is US\$50 per delegate.**
- 6. Observers may visit the site where their Conference delegates are meeting. However, the numbers of observers will be in accordance with the local Covid-19 and Conference restrictions.**
- 7. Registration for Synod will begin in the week of May 22, 2022.**

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 (6) 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 (3) 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 (3) 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, and rites involving the 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.

