

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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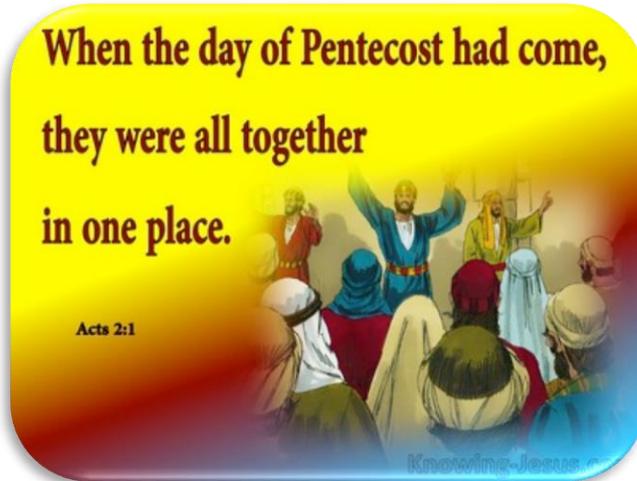
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When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together  
in one place.

Acts 2:1



**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Day of Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome on this Day of Pentecost as we again seek God's face and celebrate the coming of the Spirit to the Church. May we experience today the life and vitality afforded us through faith and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

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



**WATCHWORD:** O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.  
*(Psalm 104:24)*

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Offertory Hymn: 453** – “*Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*”

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## PENTECOST

*All standing.*

‘In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh’ says the Lord.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Tune: Power**

**O let the power fall on me, my Lord  
Let the power fall on me;  
O let the power from heaven fall on me,  
Let the power fall on me.**

**For we want power to live as one, yes Lord,  
We want power to live as one;  
So as we pray and intercede for some,  
May the Spirit make us one.**

**Send us the promised Comforter, O Christ  
Send us the promised Comforter;  
And let our hearts be filled with love O Christ  
When the Spirit comes like a Dove.**

**Give us the power here and now, O Christ,  
Please for the power here and now;  
Send us the power of grace and peace and love,  
Send us the power of peace and love.**

*Birchfield Aymer (b. 1943)*

*Remain standing.*

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.’

We are God's temple and God's spirit dwells in us. As God has said, 'I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'

Since we have these promises, let us ask God to cleanse us from every impurity.

Let us pray:

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,  
***Have mercy on us.***

God the Son, Saviour of the world,  
***Be gracious to us.***

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,  
***Stay with us for ever.***

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
***Have mercy on us.***

*Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me O God in your enduring goodness;  
***according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offences.***

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness;  
***and cleanse me from my sin.***

For I acknowledge my faults;  
***I am always conscious of my sin.***

Against you only have I sinned  
***And done what is evil in your eyes.***

You desire truth in the inward being;  
***Teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.***

O purify me, then I shall be clean;  
***O wash me, then shall I be whiter than snow.***

Hide your face from my sins;  
***And blot out my iniquities.***

Create in me a clean heart O God;

***And renew a right spirit within me.***

Cast me not away from thy presence;

***And take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

Restore to me the joy of your salvation;

***And support me with a willing spirit.***

O Lord open my lips;

***And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

You have no delight in sacrifice;

***Or I would give it.***

My sacrifice is a humble spirit;

***A broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise.***

**Tune: Trentham**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthy part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.**

*Edwin Hatch (1835 – 1889)*

Almighty God, who purifies and sanctifies the world, hear us as we humbly pray that you would take possession of the souls you have redeemed and that you would complete your work begun in us.

Let your Spirit of truth illuminate our darkness, that we may understand the deep things of your Word.

Let your Spirit of wisdom save us from all false choices, that in your light we may see light and in your straight path may not stumble.

Let your Spirit of purity cleanse us from all stain of evil.

Let your Spirit of peace enable us to walk humbly with you and lovingly with each other.

Let your Spirit of power and love make us strong against temptation, that righteousness may abound in our lives.

Turn our hearts from the love of the world to the love of your will, that we may walk in the way of your precepts to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All standing for a Confession of Faith*

*All seated.*

**LET US PRAY:**

Eternal and most merciful Father, we praise you for all the gifts you have given to us, and especially this day for the coming of the Holy Spirit to be with the Church for ever. We thank you for his guidance in our perplexity. We bless you that he brings us to faith, maintains us in hope, and fills us with love for you and for one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

***Let us pray for the Church:***

God of all peace and consolation, grant to your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh and sanctify our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Let us pray for the unity of the Church:***

Lord God, bless all Christians as they strive to draw near to you and to each another. Make us one as you are one; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

***Let us pray for the congregation:***

Lord God, who sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the burning fire of love, give courage and boldness to your people to proclaim the truth, to

seek your glory and to advance your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Let us pray for the spread of the Gospel:***

Almighty God, bless and uphold those who preach the Gospel; be with them in all dangers and difficulties; bless their work, that all may be saved and so bring forward the time when all the world will turn to you and worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Let us pray for the leaders of the nations:***

Almighty God, inspire those in positions of responsibility, in leadership and in government. Give them an understanding of truth and justice, that all may work together and serve you in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Let us pray for those who suffer:***

Lord, help all who are troubled in any way to be strengthened by your Spirit. Give to us the Spirit of service, that we may support and serve all who are distressed or in pain, relieving them as we are able; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hold us together with the Church triumphant; may the Holy Spirit so build us up in faith and truth and love; that we may be found among those who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer, in one of the following versions:*

Let us pray as our Saviour  
has taught us:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our***

As our Saviour taught us,  
so we pray:

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our***

*daily bread*  
*And forgive us our trespasses*  
*as we forgive those who*  
*trespass against us.*  
*And lead us not into*  
*temptation;*  
*but deliver us from evil.*  
*For thine is the kingdom*  
*The power and the glory,*  
*For ever and ever. Amen.*

*daily bread*  
*Forgive us our sins*  
*as we forgive those who*  
*sin against us.*  
*Lead us not into*  
*temptation;*  
*But deliver us from evil.*  
*For the kingdom, the power*  
*and the glory are yours,*  
*now and for ever. Amen.*



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Walk-up Offering for St. Vincent and the Grenadines

**Offertory Sentence:** *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17*



**Offertory Hymn: 453 –**

**Tune: Capetown - # 426**

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
Taught by thee, we covet most  
Of thy gifts at Pentecost  
Holy, heavenly love.**

**Faith that mountains could remove,  
Tongues of earth or heaven above,  
Knowledge, all things, empty prove  
Without heavenly Love.**

**Though I as a martyr bleed,  
Give my goods the poor to feed,  
All is vain if love I need;  
Therefore give me Love.**

**Love is kind, and suffers long  
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
Love than death itself more strong;  
Therefore give us love.**

**Prophecy will fade away,  
Melting in the light of day;  
Love will ever with us stay;  
Therefore give us love.**

**Faith and hope and love we see,  
Joining hand in hand agree;  
But the greatest of the three,  
And the best, is love.**



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



## Ministry of the Word

### Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1 – 21

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
- 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
- 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
- 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

- 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another,  
What meaneth this?
- 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
- 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto  
them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this  
known unto you, and hearken to my words:
- 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour  
of the day.
- 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my  
Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream  
dreams:
- 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those  
days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
- 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth  
beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
- 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before  
the great and notable day of the Lord come:
- 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the  
Lord shall be saved.



**Hymn of Preparation: 175 –**

**Tune: Morecambe**

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King –**

**All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see the cross – there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame –  
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**



**Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Hymn 284 –**

**Tune: Wilton - # 258**

**O Thou, who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,**

**And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up the gift in me;**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.**



## **The Benediction**



## **Organ Interlude**



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***Today: Elizabeth Ifill***

***Advanced:** Dwight Waithe (24<sup>th</sup>), Amaiya Greenidge, Anson Skeete & Carlo Smith-Tull (25<sup>th</sup>), Tricia Babb, Heather Barker & Deighton Davis (27<sup>th</sup>), Shania Goddard (29<sup>th</sup>)*



***Congratulations to Bro. Steven & Sis. Sonia King who are celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 25, 2021.***



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

- † **TODAY:**            **Worship** – 9:30 a.m. A walk-up offering will be taken, to assist our brothers and sisters in St. Vincent and the Grenadines
  
- † **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
  
- † **NEXT SUNDAY:** **Trinity Sunday**
  - † **Worship** – 9:30 a.m. – Exchange of Pulpit



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is seeking to support our sisters and brothers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines who have been affected by the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano.
  - † Based on the initial conversation and the changing dynamics, the suggestion is that we provide cash to purchase items such as food, water, and bedding to support the displaced peoples.
  - † These items will be shipped from nearby islands (Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada) in coordinated efforts. Our partner in this effort is the

Methodist Church which has two circuits in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

- ✠ Here in Barbados we are invited to give towards the purchase of the above items.
  - ✠ Here at Sharon, a walk-up offering will be received on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Alternatively, you can place a marked envelope in the offering basket any Sunday or drop an envelope off at the church office or the drop-box at the Manse. Those who give electronically can do so and notify us by email.
2. Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, 2021. The thematic focus this year is Trust in God.
  3. Having held our Annual Church Council last Sunday, the Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021.
  4. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
    - ✠ The Moravian Church Provincial family expresses condolences to the Rev. Dr. Errol Connor on the death of his father, Bro. Vernon Roy Connor. Bro. Connor died in St. Kitts, where he resided, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at age 101 years. Please keep Bro. Errol and family in prayer as they mourn the death of their patriarch while also celebrating his life.
    - ✠ The Provincial Board extends heartiest congratulations to Sis. Marleen Browne who graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies on May 19, 2021. We give thanks to God for her journey thus far.
    - ✠ 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.
  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](http://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, Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Bereaved:**
  - *The family of Sis Elsie Phillips on her passing;*
  - *The family of Bro Archibald Brathwaite on his passing;*
  - *Sis Lorraine Holder and family on the passing of her son, Adrian Holder.*
3. The **people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines**, Barbados and other nearby islands as we deal with the effects of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent.



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † 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
- ✝ 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.



### **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. 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.

