

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

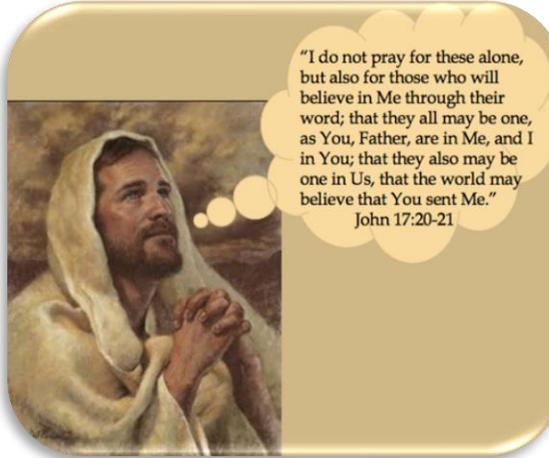
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John 17:20-21

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**Sunday after Ascension**

**9:30 a.m.**

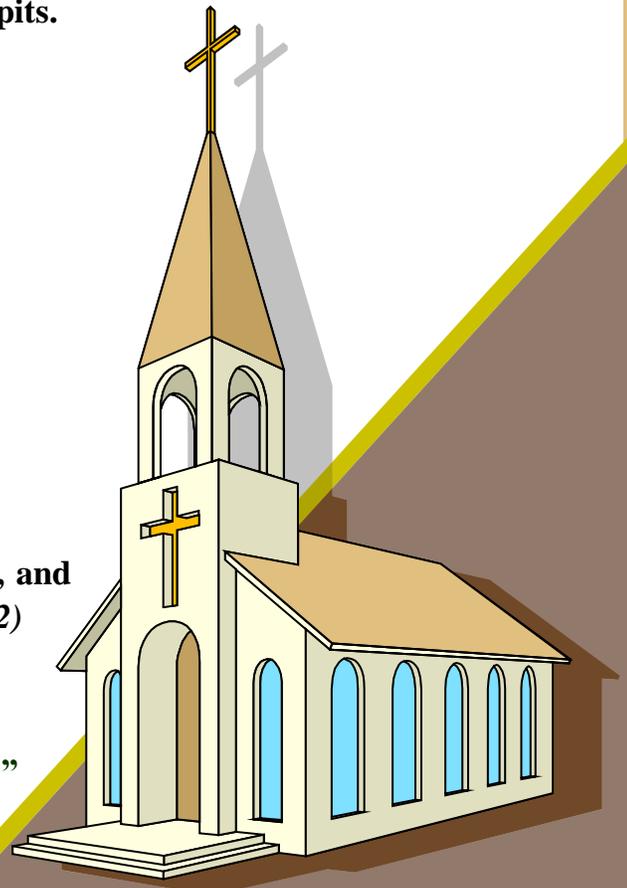
**Welcome:** With joy we gather and celebrate the grace of Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. Welcome to this time of worship — whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to Rev. David Ince, the Associate Pastor of the Bethlehem and Faith Congregations, who is leading us on this Exchange of Pulpits.

***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***  
***(Manse: 246-546-0344)***

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

**WATCHWORD:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!  
*(Psalm 97:12)*

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



# ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

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**Sermon** – – *Rev. David Ince*

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**Hymn 270** – “*It Is Truly Wonderful*”

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## Introit

### Invitation to Worship

*All standing.*

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors;

***The King of glory shall come in.***

Who is this King of glory?

***The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.***

Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift them up, O everlasting doors;

***The King of glory shall come in.***

Who is this King of glory?

***The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.***

The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens,

***And his kingdom rules over all.***

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

***Bless the Lord, O my soul.***

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;

***To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever:***

***Amen.***



### Hymn 135 –

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Mortals, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,

The God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains,

He took his seat above;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell

Are unto Jesus given;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand,  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,  
Jesus our Lord shall come,  
And take his brethren up  
To their eternal home:  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice.



## ASCENSION

*All standing.*

The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also that which is to come. He has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

***We see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, who suffered and died, now crowned with glory and honour.***

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

***Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.***

Jesus said: In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

***If we be risen with Christ, let us seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.***

O most merciful Saviour, as you have risen from the dead:

***May we also rise to newness of life.***

As you have ascended to the Father:

***May we set our affections on things above.***

As you are seated at the right hand of God:

*May we be confident of final triumph.*

As you are our Intercessor:

*May we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.*

As you sent the Comforter:

*May we, led by him, follow in your footsteps.*

And when you appear in glory:

*May we see you as you are, and enter into your joy.*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing.

*Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.*

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**Hail the day that sees him rise, Hallelujah!  
Ravished from their longing eyes; Hallelujah!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Hallelujah!  
Enters now the highest heaven! Hallelujah!**

**Him though highest heaven receives, Hallelujah!  
Still he loves the earth he leaves: Hallelujah!  
Though returning to his throne, Hallelujah!  
Still he calls mankind his own. Hallelujah!**

**Lord beyond our mortal sight, Hallelujah!  
Raise our hearts to reach thy height. Hallelujah!  
There thy face unclouded see, Hallelujah!  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Hallelujah!**

*Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)*



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Worship In Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don’t have.”*

**(2 Corinthians 8:12)**

## Offertory Hymn 487 –

You are holy, You are Holy,  
You are holy holy Lord,  
So I praise you and I lift you up,  
You are holy, holy Lord.

Come and worship! Come and Worship!

Come and worship, Christ the Lord!  
In His temple; in this Holy place.  
Come and worship Him for He's our God.

In your presence, In your presence,  
Lord we bow before your Throne.  
Clothed in worship we adore your name,  
You are holy holy Lord.

Lord Redeemer! Lord Redeemer!  
Before you we prostrate fall.  
Wash and cleanse us, cover with your blood;  
You are holy holy Lord.



## **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

### **Offertory Doxology:**

#### **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy  
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done  
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



## **Adoration in Songs & Choruses**



### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 97**

1. The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.
3. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
4. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.
7. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.
8. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.
9. For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
10. Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
12. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.



**Choir Anthem – “*Let All The World In Every Corner Sing*”**



**Second Scripture Reading:      John 17: 20 – 26**

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.



### Hymn of Preparation: 133 –

With joy we meditate the grace  
Of our High Priest above;  
His heart is made of tenderness,  
And overflows with love.

In all our griefs he takes a share,  
He knows our feeble frame;  
He knows what sore temptations are,  
For he has felt the same.

He, in the days of feeble flesh,  
Poured out his cries and tears;  
And, in his measure, feels afresh  
What every member bears.

He'll never quench the smoking flax,  
But raise it to a flame;  
The bruised reed he never breaks,  
Nor scorns the meanest name.

Then let our humble faith address  
His mercy and his power;  
We shall obtain delivering grace  
In the distressing hour.

He ever lives to intercede  
Before his Father's face;  
Give him, my soul, thy cause to plead,  
Nor doubt the Father's grace.



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,  
He sanctified my soul,  
He honours my confessions  
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!  
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment  
By trusting in His grace;  
'Tis through His blest atonement  
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,  
He leaves me not alone;  
He's with me in temptation,  
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,  
His blessings ever flow;  
He fills me with His glory,  
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,  
His love I do enjoy,  
For this I shall be grateful,  
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing  
Which we receive on earth  
That does not come from heaven,  
The source of our new birth.



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Today: *Shania Goddard*

Advanced: *Shonda Forde & Macario Maynard (30<sup>th</sup>), Sharon Greaves (June 1<sup>st</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Richard & Sis. Marcia Coombs who will celebrate their 17<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 4, 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: EXCHANGE OF PULPIT

† 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: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 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:
  - ✠ The monthly Provincial Day of Prayer continues this Wednesday, June 1, 2022. We will meet to seek the face of God at a single prayer meeting at 12:00 midday. Let us make the effort to pull away from the activities of the day to be still in the presence of God for prayer. Given that our Provincial Prayer meeting is once per month, please make a special effort to attend. The Virgin Islands Conference will lead us. The Zoom link for our prayer meeting is the same as the ones before and will be shared in time for Provincial Prayer on Wednesday.
  - ✠ 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 Sis. Winspeare-Philip and her family she embraces the call of God on her life 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](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, 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. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for Bro. Lawrence Moore and the entire Moore family on the passing of his sister, Sis. Muriel Moore. Sis. Moore celebrated her 100th birthday on February 1, 2022. A Service of Thanksgiving for Sis Moore will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*
4. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
5. 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.

