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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** With thanksgiving, we enter into this holy place, and we declare the sure mercies of God, particularly hope he gives us in Jesus Christ. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us give thanks and sing!

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**WATCHWORD:** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
*(Revelation 5:12)*

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

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



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 29:1 – 2):

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

All: <sup>2</sup> *Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Hymn 473 – “*Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim*”

Confession of Faith III (p. 244 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Prayer of Adoration Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 474 – “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*As it is written, ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever’*” (2 Cor. 9:9, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 120 – “*With Hearts And With Voices, O Praise Ye The Lord*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

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✠ “*Majesty*”

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Organ Postlude



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

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Hymn 473 –

Ye servants of God,  
Your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad  
His wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious  
Of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious,  
And rules over all.

God ruleth on high,  
Almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh,  
His presence we have;  
The great congregation  
His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation  
To Jesus our King.

Salvation to God,  
Who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud,  
And honour the Son:  
The praises of Jesus  
The angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces,  
And worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,  
And give him his right,  
All glory and power,  
All wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing,  
With angels above,  
And thanks never-ceasing,  
And infinite love.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH III

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

***Glory be to God on high.***

God is light; if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

***Glory be to God on high.***

God is love: everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

***Glory be to God on high.***

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

***Thanks be to You O Lord.***

Now we are the children of God. Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

***Thanks be to You O Lord***

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Thanks be to You O Lord***

The world passes away and the lust thereof: but those who do the will of God abide for ever.

*Thanks be to You, O Lord*



## Prayer of Adoration Confession & Thanksgiving



### Hymn 474 –

COME, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some celestial measure,  
Sung by ransomed hosts above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thine help I'm come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above!



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS INCLUDING

**Offertory Sentence:** *“As it is written, ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever’ ” (2 Cor. 9:9, NIV).*

### Offertory Hymn: 120 –

With hearts and with voices, O praise ye the Lord;  
Man’s foes he has conquered, fulfilling his word;  
He lives who was dead, and now rules in his might,  
Let all in their loud hallelujahs unite.

Hell’s host he has conquered, has broken sin’s chain;  
Led death, too, his captive, man’s freedom to gain;  
As Prince of earth’s peace, he now reigns on his throne;  
Once bond-slaves of Satan, he claims us his own.

Man’s debt has been paid, for man’s surety has died;  
God’s Lamb has been slain, and his blood been applied;  
Redemption’s accomplished for Adam’s lost race,  
For Jesus has risen, attesting God’s grace.

Then bless the great conqueror with heart and with song;  
He now ever liveth, his praises prolong;  
In us, living Lord, be thy home ever found,  
Till earth’s hallelujahs in heaven resound.



### Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



### Offertory Doxology:

**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.*



### Greetings, Celebrations & Notices





## Worship in Song

### “You Are God Alone”

You're not a God created by human hands  
You're not a God dependent on any mortal man  
You're not a God in need of  
Anything we can give  
By Your plan, that's just the way it is (2x)

*You are God alone, from before time began  
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.*

You're the only God whose power none can contend  
You're the only God whose name and  
Praise will never end  
You're the only God who's worthy  
Of everything we can give  
You are God, that's just the way it is.

*[Bridge:]*

You're unchangeable (Unchangeable)  
Unshakable (Unshakable)  
Unstoppable (Unstoppable)  
That's who you are (That's who you are) (2x)



### Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flows from His throne unto His own;  
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty;  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

Acts 9: 1 – 6

1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.



### Canticle 20 – Psalm 146

*(Choir Only)*



### Second Scripture Reading:

John 21: 1 – 19

1. After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.
2. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
3. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
4. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.



5. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
6. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
7. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
8. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
9. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
10. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
11. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
12. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
13. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
14. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
18. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch

forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.



### Choir Anthem – “*Lift High The Cross*”



### Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



### Hymn of Response – “*This Is My Desire*”

This is my desire, to honor You  
Lord with all my heart, I worship You  
With all I have within me, I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You

*Lord, I give You my heart  
I give You my soul  
I live for You alone  
Every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your way in me*



### Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.* *Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.* *Amen.*

*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



### **Hymn 23 –**

When all Thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
Thy tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived  
From Whom those comforts flowed.

When in the slippery paths of youth  
With heedless steps I ran,  
Thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,  
And led me up to man.

Through hidden dangers, toils, and deaths,  
It gently cleared my way;  
And through the pleasing snares of vice,  
More to be feared than they.

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou  
With health renewed my face;  
And, when in sins and sorrows sunk,  
Revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
My daily thanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart  
That tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life  
Thy goodness I'll pursue  
And after death, in heaven with thee,  
The glorious theme renew.



### Hymn 220 –

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain –  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above –  
So free, so infinite His grace –  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.



No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



## Hymn 197 –

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



***All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.***

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:***

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,***

*Have mercy, O Lord.*



*All stand*

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *‘Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.’*

*The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.*



### **Hymn 153 –**

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek!  
To those who fall, how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah, this  
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus – what it is,  
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.



## Hymn 188 –

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear –  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus only is our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.



## Hymn 730 –

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,  
Should set his love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,  
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
How he will claim his earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 244**

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps  
And giveth me songs in the night.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

***During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.***



### **Covenant Hymn: 599 –**

*We covenant with hand and heart,  
To follow Christ, our Lord;  
With world and sin and self to part,  
And to obey his word:  
To love each other heartily,  
In truth and in sincerity,  
And under cross, reproach and shame,  
To glorify his name.*



### ***The Blessing:***

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

***In the name of Jesus. AMEN.***

***All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.***



### **Organ Postlude**





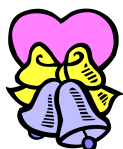
## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome: *With thanksgiving, we enter into this holy place, and we declare the sure mercies of God, particularly hope he gives us in Jesus Christ. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us give thanks and sing!*



Today:        *Kelvin Carter*

Advanced *Tremaine Hinds (8<sup>th</sup>), Tiffany Chase & Wendy Davis (10<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Luther & Sis. Candace Barker who will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2025.*



### 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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

†    Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

### This Week at Sharon:

† 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 – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

† Meeting re Benevolence Ministry – 6:00 p.m. In Sanctuary.

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

- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.  
 † Next Sunday: **MOTHERS' DAY**  
     † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
     † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of May 2025:

- † Service of Appreciation will be held for Bro. Ethelbert Goodridge, Organist of the Centenary Congregation – Sunday May 4th at 4:00 p.m.  
 † Mother's Day – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>  
 † Moravian Music Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup>  
 † Outdoor Worship – Family & Fellowship – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>  
 † Grace Hill's Annual Barbados Police Band Concert: *A Musical Celebration of Hope and Praise* – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets – \$30.



### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Thanks to all who supported in any way our Annual Fish Fry & Fund Day on Easter Monday. We served in excess of 312 meals and had a wonderful day. Thank you.
2. Those who desire to affirm their faith in the Act of Reaffirmation of Baptism are invited to register with the Pastors by May 18, 2025, that you may receive the necessary counselling and preparation. For an understanding of what is involved, the litany can be found on page 224 / 225 of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book.
3. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 3, 2025 the Elders were assigned to Districts 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 <sup>st</sup> 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. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
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 have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

4.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 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.



5. The 34th Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will be held in the Trinidad Conference in July 2025. The Synod will be both virtual and in-person. Synod will convene virtually on May 15, 2025 and June 12, 2025 to conduct housekeeping matters and to receive reports. The in-person sessions will be held from July 10 – 16, 2025 in Trinidad, with the 10th and 16th being travel days.

5.1. The following have been elected as elected as Delegates to represent the Barbados Conference:

- ✝ Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley
- ✝ Sis. Carolyn Hinds
- ✝ Bro. David Blenman
- ✝ Sis. Kaylia Doughty (Youth)

5.2. The Congregations of the Province are being asked to cover the fees and costs of their Pastor(s)/Clergy Delegate(s) as usual. The estimated cost per delegate from Barbados is BD\$3,000, covering a Synod Fee of US\$1,000 and travel cost from Barbados to Trinidad of approximately BD \$1,000.

6. From the Provincial Board:

6.1. The Provincial Board will meet in Trinidad from May 12 – 16, 2025. During this meeting, the 34th Provincial Synod will be convened virtually on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. All delegates and observers are asked to take note and be present. Please pray for the Provincial Board and the 34th Provincial Synod.

6.2. The 5th Unity Women's Consultation scheduled for June 1 – 8, 2025 in North Carolina, USA has been postponed due to visa and travel issues. Please keep the organizers in prayer as they reorganize and move forward.

7. Synod Advisory:
  - 7.1. Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested to ordain Pastor Marleen Browne to the diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of ordination will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad. Please pray for Sis. Browne as she prepares to take her vows.
  - 7.2. The Opening Service for the 34th Provincial Synod, will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad at 9:00 a.m. The service will be streamed live.
  - 7.3. The Closing Service for the 34th Provincial Synod will take place on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad. This service will be streamed live.
  - 7.4. Please continue to pray for the 34th Provincial Synod that the purpose of God is established.
8. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made 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.
9. We are thankful for your financial support.
  - 9.1. 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.
  - 9.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - 9.3. 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.
10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 10.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- 10.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



#### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
  - ✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Sis. Edna Taylor.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for Sis. Cynthia Walrond and family on the passing of her sister, Sis. Justina Lowe. A Service of Thanksgiving for Sis. Lowe will be held here at Sharon on Friday, May 9, 2025, commencing at 3:00 p.m.*
4. World Peace



#### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ **Offering Envelopes for 2025** – 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 2025** – 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.



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**Provincial Theme 2025:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

**The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.**

***“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***



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