

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Harvesting the Fruits of the Spirit

For God has not given us
the spirit of fear; but of
power, and of love, and of
a sound mind.

—2 Timothy 1:7

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercies endure forever.* Welcome is extended to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, on this day of thanksgiving. We pray that God will bless us to the overflowing as we worship him. Welcome!

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



WATCHWORD: Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.
(2 Thessalonians 3:13)

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

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

LITANY: Harvest p. 163 – CMP Liturgy Book /Projected

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,*

⁸ *Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.* ⁹ *He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.* (Psalm 147:7 – 9)

Offertory Hymn: 640 – “*God of All Good And Perfect Gifts*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

POEM: *Spiritual Fruit*

Sis. Anmari Cumberbatch

POEM: *When we See the Harvest*

Bro. Luther Barker

CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

ADORATION IN SONGS & CHORUSES

PRESENTATION: Fruit of the Spirit

Introduction

Sis. Veronica Leacock

✠ *Love*

Bro. Anthony Ifill

✠ *Joy*

Bro. Victor Hurdle

Poem: *Charity*

Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

✠ *Peace and Patience*

Sis. Gwendolyn Brewster

✠ *Kindness*

Bro. Ahmir Worrell

✠ *Goodness*

Bro. Rhys Hoyte

Song: *Seeds of Promise*

Women’s Fellowship

✠ *Faithfulness*

Sis. Carmel Downes

✠ *Gentleness*

Sis. Ciaune Barker

✠ *Self-Control*

Sis. Angelus Hurdle

Ending

Sis. Veronica Leacock

ANTHEM: “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” The Choir

POEM: *Fruit Bowl*

Sis. Asha Jones

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 1:6 – 10

SONG: “*Let All Things Now Living*” The Choir

THE SERMON

– Rev. Ezra Parris



POEM: *Fruit of the Spirit*

Bro. Jamarío Lewis

COURTESIES

HYMN 631 – “*We Plough the Fields and Scatter*”

THE BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE



REMEMBRANCE
DAY



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



HARVEST



All standing

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim His greatness, tell the world what He has done for us daily.

We will sing praises to the Lord as we worship today.

O give thanks to the God of gods.

For his mercy endures forever.

Praise God; sing praises to Him always.

Our God deserves our praise, we will adore, worship and give Him thanks today.

Tune: NIAGARA – # 449

Yes, God is good; in earth and sky,
From ocean depths and spreading wood,
Ten thousand voices ever cry,
God made us all, and God is good.’

Yes, God is good, all nature says,
By God’s own hand with speech endued;
And man, in louder notes of praise,
Should sing for joy that God is good

For all thy gifts we bless thee, Lord,
But chiefly for our heavenly food,
Thy pardoning grace, thy quickening word;
These prompt our song, that God is good.

John H. Gurney (1802 – 1862)

In the beginning when the earth was formless and void

God created the heavens and the earth.

Creator God, you said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruits after their own kind with seed in them, on the earth.”

And it was so.

Let us pray:

God of creation, for our world we are thankful.

You have made a varied yet beautiful world.

For the beauty of the world and the glory of the skies;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For the mountains which stand in grandeur;

For the running streams which refresh the valleys;

For the trees and grass which protect our environment;

God of splendour, may we daily appreciate your created beauty.

For the peculiar beauty of our Caribbean lands and their peoples;

For miles of inviting beaches;

For the warmth and beauty of the sunshine;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the tropical birds, decorative shrubs and trees;

For the flowers that give testimony to the glory of God;

For the numerous fruits that bedeck the landscape – citrus, mangoes, pears, bananas, to name just a few;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

Tune: LUCERNA LAUDONIAE – # 459

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.***

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835 – 1917)

For each day that you lend us life;
For the love and care of family and friends;
For food, shelter, and clothing;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep after the taxing activities of the day;

For the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For healthy bodies;

For strong limbs that till the soil and haul fish from the sea;

For other activities vital to our sustenance;

For sun, wind and rain which produce plant and animal life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who work to preserve the environment;

For those who work to manufacture food;

For those who invest in agricultural pursuits;

We give you thanks, O God.

Lord of the harvest, we gather to give thanks and praise to you for the countless blessings from your bountiful store of grace. Be pleased to accept and bless these gifts we have placed before you today. On this day of worship, rejoicing and thanksgiving, we pray you to accept our gifts of food and money; our lives and talents. May we ever be reminded that everything comes from you and all things are yours. Pardon our poor and indifferent use of the world and your countless gifts to us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Together we confess our sins before God:

God of forgiveness, we confess that we have not been good to each other and have not loved as you have commanded. Give us again a heart of love, not only for each other within the family of God but especially for the lost. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us so that at your coming, we may receive our crown of righteousness, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Gracious God, we receive with gladness your forgiveness and we thank you for your grace at work among us. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we go from here with renewed zeal to harvest souls for your Kingdom. As we do so, implant within our lives seeds of hope, peace and gratitude; in the name of Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Tune: by Noel Dexter

With thankful harvest song, Lord,
We lift our hearts to thee,
As in thy holy house we meet,
Where oft we bend the knee.
For fruits and flowers we praise thee,
For mind and body fed;
For crimson dawns, for sunsets,
And for our daily bread.

*Bless the Lord for beauty,
And abundant food.
Lift your hearts in thanks to him
And sing, 'The Lord is good'.*

Thou great and holy Giver,
With all thy gifts, we pray
Endue us with thy heavenly grace,
To walk the narrow way.
Thy meekness, lowly Jesus
To our proud hearts be given;
And while we journey onward
O make us fit for heaven.

Lena Kent d. 1961



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Offertory Hymn: 640 –

God of all good and perfect gifts
Our Master, Lord and King
We thank You for this Harvest Day,
And for the gifts we bring.

We thank You for the sunshine bright,
And for the cooling showers,
We thank You for the dew that falls
Upon this land of ours.

We thank You, Lord for all the foods
Reaped from the fertile land,
We thank You for the lovely flowers,
Created by Your Hand.

For all the skills of minds and hands
Here on display today,
We thank You, too, with grateful lips,
Accept our thanks, we pray.

But most of all, accept our hearts,
Fill us with Your sweet love,
Until we meet that Harvest Day,
With You, in Heaven above.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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*)



POEM: *Spiritual Fruit*

Sis. Anmari Cumberbatch

POEM: *When we See the Harvest*

Bro. Luther Barker



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



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Women's Fellowship
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Sis. Ciaune Barker
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Sis. Veronica Leacock

Ending



ANTHEM: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* **The Choir**



POEM: **Fruit Bowl** **Sis. Asha Jones**



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6 – 10

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
8. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:



Choir Selection – “*Let All Things Now Living*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



POEM: *Fruit of the Spirit* **Bro. Jamarion Lewis**



COURTESIES



Closing Hymn: 631 –

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But what which thou desirest
Our humble, thankful hearts.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Albertha Osbourne

Advanced: Aliyah Smith-Boucher, Alyssa Smith-Boucher & Denise Grant (14th), Kimoi Jones, Abigail King, Zahra Nicholls & Saadiq Prescod (15th), Sheila Browne & Jerome Watts (17th), Kathryn Eversley, Dahlia Miller, Norma Nicholls & Velda Whittaker (19th)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams who will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 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 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† On this day in 1741, it was announced in all Moravian congregations that Jesus Christ had been chosen Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. The Moravian Church has had no single human chief executive since then, and now observes this as a festival day.

† With our nation we also give thanks for and hold in remembrance the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for freedom in the two World Wars.

† 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: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093. We are studying the community of the Church.

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

† NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of November 2022:

† Rev. Parris on Vacation – 14th – 24th

† Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Tuesday, 15th

† Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 20th

† Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Tuesday, 22nd

† The First Sunday in Advent – 27th

† Christingle – Sunday, 27th at Calvary, 5:00 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. For our Harvest Sale today, Soup (\$5.00 – \$10.00) and small flower arrangements will be included in the sale of Harvest Offerings of food and provisions. We are grateful to all who contributed.
2. Our next Colour-Sunday, a Purple Sunday, is planned for the Third Sunday in December; when we invite attendees to wear purple and to present a walk-up offering of purple Barbados currency. We are seeking contributions towards repairs to our church building.

3. You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
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. The Moramus Singers of Barbados on behalf of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference will present Christingle 2022 – *John W. Peterson's Night of Miracles* at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street, Bridgetown on Sunday, November 27, 2022. Admission – \$20.00. The word 'Christingle' means 'Christ-Light' and the Moravian Christingle service may be held in Advent, Christmas or Epiphany to emphasize and celebrate Jesus as the light and the hope of the world.
6. We draw to your attention the installation of fire extinguishers at strategic points in our church building. About twelve (12) persons have been trained in the use of the extinguishers and on them we will depend if they need to be used. We thank the Board of Stewards for spearheading the effort; Bro Wilfred Marshall (Grace Hill) for his advice and training; and Bro George Best for the installation of the units.
7. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - ✠ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - ✠ 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.
 - ✠ 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.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.

✝ 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.

✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✝ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

✝ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).

✝ You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for Sis. Corlette Garnes of the Clifton Hill Congregation on the passing of her sister, Sis. Clindis Garnes.*

4. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

5. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season

6. World Peace





NOTICE



UPON ENTERING
PLEASE USE
HAND SANITIZER
HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19

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

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
2. Face masks are optional but recommended, given the singing and speaking that is engaged in during worship. Attendees are asked to be respectful of others in their choice to wear or not to wear a mask.
3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
4. 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.
5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members
7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

