



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“New every morning is the love, our wakening and uprising prove.”* God is free and generous in his love towards us and for that we give him all honour and praise. A sincere welcome is extended to everyone who has entered into this house of worship today. Welcome as well to those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome to all.

Pastor: *Rev. Ezra Parris*

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Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things.

(Isaiah 25: 1)

Provincial Theme 2020: *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 466 – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* (437)

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 270 – *“He Pardoned My Transgressions”*

Welcome & Celebrations

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1 – 9

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1 – 14

Hymn of Preparation: 231 – *“O Come, My Saviour, Come”* (217)

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Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 543 – *“This Child We Dedicate To Thee”* (500)

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Closing Hymn: 235 – *“Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated”* (219)

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him!**



Responsive Reading – Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



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!
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 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: Deshawn Carmichael, Cynthia Lewis & Kentish Merritt
Advanced: Joseph Corbin & Keith Roberts (13th), Hilda Williams & Orrin Williams (15th), Donna Greenidge (16th)**



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1 – 9

- 1** Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
- 2** I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
- 3** And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4** Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
- 5** Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
- 6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- 7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- 8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
- 9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1 – 14

- 1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,**
- 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,**
- 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.**
- 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.**
- 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:**
- 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.**
- 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.**
- 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.**
- 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.**
- 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.**
- 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:**
- 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.**
- 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
- 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**



Hymn of Preparation: 231 –

**O COME, my Saviour, come,
And claim my heart as thine;
Make it the humble, happy home
Of peace and love divine.**

**Cast out the carnal mind,
The world and sin cast out;
Pluck out the eye that looks behind,
Scatter all fear and doubt.**

**My lukewarmness rebuke,
Self and its workings quell,
And chase from every secret nook
The brood of death and hell.**

**Thy Spirit and thy blood
Cleanse my polluted heart;
Yea, let the purifying flood
Reach to the inmost part.**

**Create my heart anew,
An upright spirit give;
My soul with light and love endue,
And bid me rise and live.**

**O come, my Saviour, come,
And let my spirit be
Thy blood-bought, consecrated home,
A temple fit for thee.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 543 –

**This child we dedicate to thee,
O God of grace and purity;
Shield *him* from sin and threatening wrong,
And let Thy love *his* life prolong.**

**O may Thy Spirit gently draw
His willing soul to keep Thy law;
May virtue, piety, and truth,
Dawn even with his dawning youth.**

**We, too, O God, thy children are;
And if our feet have wandered far;**

**Recall us to our Father's home,
And keep us that no more we roam.**



LITURGY FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

*The Liturgy should be introduced at a suitable point in a service of public worship.
The congregation being seated and the child/children to be baptized and the parents or sponsors and god-parents being in place, the minister says:*

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, and blessed them.

As we share in this sacrament of baptism, we affirm our belief that baptism points to the grace of God freely given to all who avail themselves of it. We believe that all who are born into the world are children of God, made in his image. We acknowledge the fatherly and motherly love of God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, and we pray that in due time this child may display in his/her life the gracious marks of a child of god.

Let us profess together the faith of the Church.

We believe in God the Father, creator of the universe.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, redeemer of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life.

The parents/or sponsor(s)/and god-parents stand.

The Minister addresses them:

Earnestly believe that our Saviour Christ loves this child, that he is ready to receive and embrace him/her, to give him/her the blessing of eternal life, and to make him/her a partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

Our Lord has promised to grant the things which we ask in his name, which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Do you, for your part, make confession of the faith wherein this child is to be baptized, in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: ***We do***

Do you promise, in reliance on divine grace, to teach him/her the truths and duties of the Christian faith, and by prayer, precept and example, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the fellowship of the Church?

Answer: ***We do***

May God give you grace and wisdom to provide a caring and loving Christian home for this new life committed to your charge.

The Minister addresses the congregation:

All standing:

Will you as a congregation accept this child as a new member of the Christian Church? Will you, by your witness, set a good and joyful example of fellowship, service and love?

Answer: ***We will***

This hymn verse is sung:

**New life, O Lord to you we bring,
Giver of all, our Friend, our King;
Receive him/her in your strong embrace,
Within your Church give him/her a place;
A lifelong friendship here begin,
And grace, a crown of life to win.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose son Jesus Christ was carried as a child into the Temple, and who himself took little children into his arms and blessed them, look mercifully upon us now, and bless what in your name we do. May this child, now to be baptized into the Church, the body of Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit grow into the likeness of his/her Saviour. May he/she in time be led to take a full part as a member of the Church, and by your grace may he/she remain your faithful witness all his/her days.

Each child is presented to the Minister who baptizes him/her with water saying:

....., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.***

After all have been baptized, the congregation says:

We receive this child into the Church, in the trust that hereafter he/she shall not be ashamed to confess his/her faith in Christ.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, son of God, Saviour,

Have mercy upon us.

By your human birth,

By your obedience, diligence, and faithfulness.

By your life, suffering and death,

By your resurrection and ascension,

By your continuing presence,

By your Church's teaching and worship.

Bless us now and always.

O God, we praise you for the mercies of birth, and for all the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. We give you thanks today for the safe arrival of this child and ask your blessing on him/her and all those who have responsibility for his/her care. May they, and all who share in the nurture of children, find great happiness and fulfilment in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Christ, the friend of children everywhere, the faithful protector of all who are weak and small: keep, guard and bless your children. Through the work of your Spirit help them to grow in strength and beauty of character, and closer to you.

Jesus, Saviour, hear us.

Holy Spirit, bless us all and renew us this day. Help us to surrender ourselves to you, so that we, and the children committed to our care, may lead lives worthy of you, and of the family of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, hear us. Amen.

The congregation shall pray together:

O Lord, help us to think more deeply on the true significance of this holy sacrament. Forgive us for the times when we have come short of the grace of our own baptism, by wandering from your ways: and bring us back with a perfect repentance. Renew us in this moment.... By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to be loving, teach us to be humble and strengthen us to live godly lives, as those who have been baptized by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The service continues with hymn, sermon (if not previously given), hymn and benediction.



NOTICES & CONCERNS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Office Hours:	Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
Today:	Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	Women's Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
Next Sunday:	Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – Women's Fellowship Month

- † **Women's Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:**
 - † **Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) –18th**
 - † **Candlelight Service – Sunday, 25th, Calvary Moravian Church at 5:00 p.m.**
- † **Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.**
- † **Missionary Love Feast at Calvary – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.**
- † **The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 24th 6:00 a.m.**
- † **Please bear in mind that we will soon be celebrating our Harvest Festival in November.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **Our Missionary Festival will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at the weekly worship hour of 9:30 a.m. Funds raised will go towards the local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.**
2. **Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!**
 - † **Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for Whitsuntide Weekend 2021 – May 22 – 24.**
 - † **The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.**
3. **We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.**

- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
 - ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - ✝ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
4. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
 5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
 6. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.



Closing Hymn: 235

Take my life, and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love;
 Take my feet, and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



Benediction



AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – 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– 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
- On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

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. Communion, Baptism, 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.**

