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*"If you have faith
as small
as a mustard seed,
you can say
to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted
in the sea,'
and it will obey you.*

LUKE 17: 6



Sunday, October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). Welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our loving concern for each other and our unity, be our expression of worship today.

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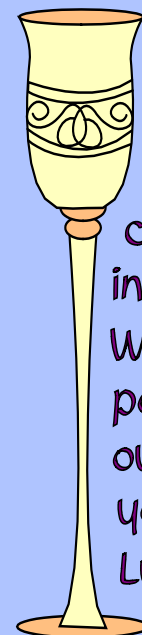
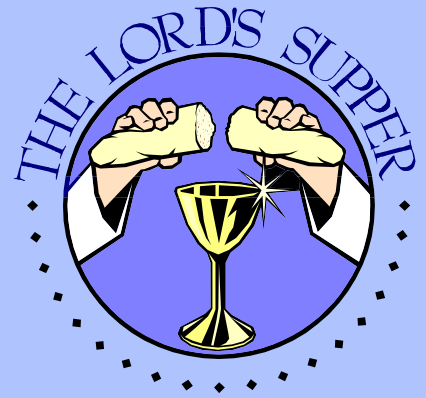
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him,
and he will act. *(Psalm 37:5)*

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation



*This cup
is the new
covenant
in my blood,
Which is
poured
out for
you.*

Luke 22:20



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4):

Leader: *Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.*

Congregation: *All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name.*

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

Litany: Christian Unity (Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord.”* (Exod. 35:5, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 493 – *“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Give Thanks”*

Adoration in Song: 221 – *“Oh, What A Saviour – That He Died For Me!”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1 – 4; 2:1 – 4

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5 – 10

Choir Anthem – *“Come Share The Lord”*

The Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 281 – *“I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”*

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Consecration of the Bread

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Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 264 – *“In Heavenly Love Abiding”*

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Hymn of Thanksgiving: 244 – *“Redeemed, How I love to Proclaim It”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 447 – *“What Brought Us Together”*

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 466 –

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!



Christian Unity

To be used on Worldwide Communion Sunday

(Standing)

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

Tune: DUKE STREET (22Q) - # 26

***Lord of all being, throned afar,
your glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of ev'ry sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!***

***Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before your ever blazing throne
we ask no luster of our own.***

(Kneeling or sitting)

We now that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

***Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you.
We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you.***

We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. And we have left undone those deeds of loving-kindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

Tune: BEECHER - # 273

*Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in you inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.

Help us rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.

Teach us to know and love the worldwide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witnesses and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and our creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(The Liturgist offers prayer)

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying,

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.

(Standing)

Tune: (GAUDEAMUS PAPITER) Ave Virgo - # 17

***Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;
for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice
Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.***

***One the name in which we pray, one our Saviour day by day;
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov'nant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.***

From the Moravian Book of Worship, North American Provinces.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: "From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord" (Exod. 35:5, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 493 –

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.



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 Song: 221 –

Oh, what a Saviour – that He died for me!
From condemnation He hath made me free;
‘He that believeth on the Son,’ saith He,
‘Hath everlasting life!’

*‘Verily, verily, I say unto you;’
‘Verily, verily,’ message ever new!
‘He that believeth on the Son’ – ’tis true! –
‘Hath everlasting life!’*

All my iniquities on Him were laid,
All my indebtedness by Him was paid;
All who believe on Him, the Lord hath said,
‘Hath everlasting life.’

Though poor and needy, I can trust my Lord;
Though weak and sinful, I believe His Word;
Oh, glad message! every child of God
‘Hath everlasting life.’

Though all unworthy, yet I will not doubt;
For him that cometh, He will not cast out:
‘He that believeth,’ oh the good news shout!
‘Hath everlasting life.’



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1 – 4; 2: 1 – 4

1. The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.
2. O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!
3. Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.
4. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

Habakkuk 2

1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.
2. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
4. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5 – 10

5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
6. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
7. But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
8. And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
9. Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
10. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.



Choir Anthem – *“Come Share The Lord”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



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.



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Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransom from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



184

My faith looks up to thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire:
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love
Fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.



568

My Shepherd is the Lamb,
The living Lord, who died;
With all that's truly good I am
Most plenteously supplied.

He richly feeds my soul
With manna from above,
And leads me where the rivers roll
Of everlasting love.

My table he doth spread
With choicest fare, and I
Behold the Lamb, the living Bread,
And eat most joyfully.

He makes my cup run o'er,
Anointeth me with oil;
I shall enjoy for evermore
The merits of his toil.

Then I my Shepherd's care
Shall praise, and him adore,
And in his Father's house shall share
True bliss for evermore.



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.



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In heavenly love abiding
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure:
My path to life is free;

My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.



My heart is resting, O my God,
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but Thine shall fill;
For the waters of the Earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
The hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
To long loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
Who hast made all things mine;
O draw my captive will to thee,
And make it one with thine.



I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He loved me ere I knew him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus he bound me to him;
And round my heart still closely twine

Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am his, and he is mine,
Forever and forever.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He bled, he died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But his own self he gave me.
Nought that I have mine own I call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all
Are his, and his forever.

I've found a friend, O such a friend!
So kind, and true, and tender!
So wise a counselor and guide,
So mighty a defender!
From him who loves me now so well
What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No! I am his for ever.



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Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;
He's a shepherd, kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows,
Yea, my worthless name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure
Of his grace in richest measure;
When, athirst, to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.

To be his such joy doth bring
That I here must ever sing;

And when these blest days are over
To the arms of my dear Saviour
I shall be conveyed to rest:
Yea, my lot indeed is blest.



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.

Refrain:

*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 – 447

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



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



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). Welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our loving concern for each other and our unity, be our expression of worship today.



Today: Leslie Roberts

Advanced Theresa Alleyne & Velma Sealy (3rd), Davonte Brathwaite (4th), Chetwyn Hoyte (5th), Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6th), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7th), Zenaida Ramsey & Ranfield Reid (8th)



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.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m.
- † 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: 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 – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m.



In the Month of October 2022 – Women’s Fellowship Month

- † Women’s Fellowship Month Activities:
 - ‡ Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Sharon
 - ‡ Moravian Market Day – Saturday, 8th at 10.00 a.m. at Bethlehem
 - ‡ Women’s Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 16th
 - ‡ Quiz – Monday, 17th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
 - ‡ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † “Fun-Filled Friday” (Conference Youth Activity) – 14th
- † Service of Appreciation to Mark the Retirement of Rev. Movelie Kellman – Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 9th at 8:00 a.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 23rd at 9:30 a.m.





Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- ✦ Harvest Sale – Saturday November 12, 2022
- ✦ Police Band Concert – Date to be confirmed



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. 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.
3. 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.
4. From the provincial board of administration (Provincial Elders Conference):
 - ✦ The new Provincial Board will meet from October 7 – 13, 2022 in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference for its first business meeting. Please pray that the Spirit of God will guide our deliberations.
5. 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.

6. We are seeking to restore our Ushers Guild and we are inviting our ushers and those who would like to join the ministry to a meeting after worship on Sunday, October 23, 2022.
 7. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2022 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and your Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
 8. For our Harvest celebration this year, we will be hosting a Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 12th right here on the Church Grounds. On sale will be food, drinks and produce. Stall spaces will be made available at \$30 each for the sale of other items of the vendors' choosing (flea market style). Stall spaces can be reserved at the Church Office.
 9. Those who desire to affirm their faith in the Act of Reaffirmation of Baptism are invited to register with the Pastor before October 30, 2022. For an understanding of what is involved, the litany can be found on page 224 / 225 of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book. Reaffirmation of Baptism has been tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2022 at Batts Rock Beach.
 10. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
 11. 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. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
5. World Peace



AVAILABLE:

- ✝ 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.





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 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.**
- 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.**

