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Sunday, October 4, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.”* Welcome, as we celebrate our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ on this Worldwide Communion Sunday. We welcome as well 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: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (*Psalm 118:22,23*)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 489 – *Angel Voices, Ever Singing* (457)

Litany for Christian Unity (Projected)

Welcome & Celebrations

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1 – 7

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33 – 46

Hymn of Preparation: 180 – *Come, Holy Spirit* (166)

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

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Hymn 272 – *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place* (*Special Request*)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 566, 334 (310), 191 (180)

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 155 (142), 557 (516), 730 (693)

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 36 – *Praise To The Holiest In The Height* (37)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 447 – *What Brought Us Together* (420)

The Blessing



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Opening Hymn: 489 –

ANGEL voices, ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee,
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity:
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.



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.

DUKE STREET (22Q)

*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.

BEECHER

*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 may use one or more of the following or other expressions of worship from our own and other traditions to convey our sense of unity in Christ.)

Let us sing a new hymn.

(As the Liturgist directs.)

Let us pause in silence and wait upon God.

Let us stand and greet each other with the right hand of fellowship and say, "The peace of God be with you."

Let us make prayer requests for ourselves and others.

(To be included in a prayer of intercession by the Liturgist.)

Let us hear the watchword for the day and reflect upon it. Let us lift our hands in a prayer of praise.

(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)

GAUDEAMUS PAPIER

*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:

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Today: Davonte Brathwaite

Advanced: Chetwyn Hoyte (5th), Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason (6th), Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson Stewart (7th), Zenaida Ramsey & Ranfield Reid (8th), Hazel Carter (10th)



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1 – 7

- 1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:**
- 2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.**
- 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.**
- 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?**
- 5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:**
- 6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.**
- 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.**



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33 – 46

- 33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:**
- 34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.**
- 35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.**
- 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.**
- 37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.**
- 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.**
- 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.**
- 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?**
- 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.**
- 42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**
- 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**
- 44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.**
- 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.**
- 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.**



Hymn of Preparation: 180 –

**Come, Holy Spirit,
Like a dove descending,
Rest thou upon us
While we meet to pray;
Show us the Saviour,
His great love revealing;
Lead us to him,
The life, the truth, the way.**

**Come, Holy Spirit,
Every cloud dispelling;
Fill us with gladness,
Through the Master's name:
Bring to our memory
Words that he hath spoken,
Then shall our tongues
His wondrous grace proclaim.**

**Come, Holy Spirit,
Sent from God the Father –
Thou friend and teacher,
Comforter, and Guide –
Our thoughts directing,
Keep us close to Jesus,
And in our hearts
For evermore abide.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Notices & Concerns

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. The Women’s Fellowship elected a new Executive (2020 – 2022) on Tuesday, September 22nd as follows: President – Sis Cora Cumberbatch, Vice-President – Sis Lelia Gibbs; Secretary – Sis Eula Gibbs; Treasurer – Sis Lucine Baker; Assistant Secretary / Treasurer – Sis Samantha Lewis; Members – Sis Candace Barker, Sis Sheila Small, Sis Merville Franklyn, Sis Norma Nicholls.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.

7. 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).



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

This Week:

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)

Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Missionary Festival at Penuel – 4:00 p.m.



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – Women's Fellowship Month

- ✝ Women's Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:
 - ✝ Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 3rd, Calvary Moravian Church at 2:00 p.m.
 - ✝ Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 18th
 - ✝ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 25th, Calvary Moravian Church at 5:00 p.m.
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 11th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ Missionary Love Feast at Calvary – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 p.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.



PRAYER NEEDS:



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

The Sick / Recovering: Sis Eula Gibbs



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Diana Boyce and family, Sis Patsy Turton-Beckles and family on the passing of their mother Hazel Bovelle. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, October 9, 2020, commencing at 1:30 p.m.



Hymn 272 –

**My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed:
I trust the ever-living One –
His wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.**

**My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.**



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.



566

**Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**



Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to Thee!
 E'en though it be a cross
 That raiseth me,
 Still all my song shall be,
 'Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee!'

Though like the wanderer,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness be over me,
 My rest a stone,
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 Nearer, my God to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

There let the way appear
 Steps unto heaven;
 All that thou sendest me,
 In mercy given,
 Angels to beckon me
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

Then, with my waking thoughts
 Bright with thy praise,
 Out of my stony griefs
 Bethel I'll raise;
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.

Or, if on joyful wing
 Cleaving the sky,
 Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
 Upward I fly,
 Still all my song shall be,
 Nearer, my God, to thee.
 Nearer to thee.



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.



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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**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**



Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
 Thy chosen pilgrim-flock
 With manna in the wilderness,
 With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
 As thou when here below,
 Our souls the joys celestial seek,
 That from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
 But by that word of grace,
 In strength of which we travel on
 To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
 But do not then depart;
 Saviour, abide with us, and spread
 Thy table in our heart.

Then share with us in love divine,
 Thy body and thy blood,
 That living bread, that heavenly wine,
 Be our immortal food.



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 – 36

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive, and should prevail:**

**And that the higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he who smote
In man for man, the foe,
The double agony in man
For man, should undergo.**

**And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!**



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 joined 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



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.

