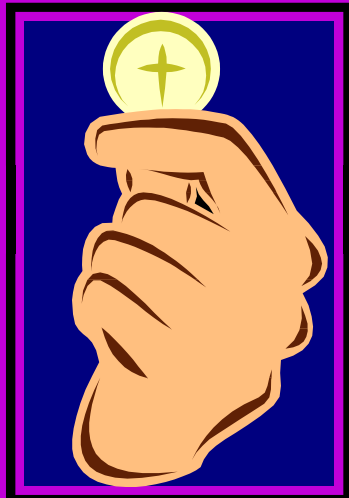


Communion



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Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. Welcome, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, as we celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

(Hebrews 2:12)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 38 – *Immortal, Invisible*

Litany for Christian Unity (Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good. (Psalms 54:6)*

Offertory Hymn: 397 – *The Church’s One Foundation*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs and Choruses

Ministry of the Written Word

First Reading: Psalm 133

Choir Anthem – *“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”*

Second Reading: John 17:20 – 26

Hymn of Preparation – *“The Power of Your Love”*

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 162 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Musical Interlude & Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 560 – *“Come, Take By Faith the Body of Your Lord”*

581 – *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 253 – *“What Can Wash Away My Sins”*

211 – *“Just As I Am – Without One Plea”*

105 – *“There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”*

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 597 – *“We Are One In The Spirit”*

The Blessing

Blessing & Organ Postlude



Organ Prelude
Introit – Choir
Invitation to Worship



Opening Hymn: 38 –

Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour

Of light hideth Thee.



CHRISTIAN UNITY

(Standing)

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

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

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

ALL *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.*

LEADER 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.

ALL *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)

LEADER We know 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:

ALL *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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL *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.*

LEADER 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 witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

ALL *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.)

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

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

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LEADER 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.

ALL *Hear us and help us all, we pray.*

LEADER 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.

ALL *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.**

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WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good. (Psalms 54:6)*

Offertory Hymn: 397 –

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 133

1. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.



Choir Anthem – “Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”



Second Scripture Reading:

John 17:20 – 26

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.



Hymn of Preparation –

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That Love found in You
Lord Love come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love

*Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me

Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love

Finale

*And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 162 –

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



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.



560

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.



581

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness:
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

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

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

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

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



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new

*covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



253

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!



211

Just as I am – without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.



105

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Thou dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

For since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

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

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

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



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



Hymn of Thanksgiving – 244

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Covenant Hymn: 597 –

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.



The Blessing:

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

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

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



Organ Postlude



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome: *In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. Welcome, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, as we celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Welcome.*





***Today: Wilmore Arthur & Jahbari Mason
Advanced Stephen Greaves, Maya Kellman, Grace Sandiford & Olson
Stewart (7th), Zenaida Ramsay & Ranfield Reid (8th), Hazel Carter(10th),
Deshawn Carmichael, Cynthia Lewis & Kentish Merritt (11th)***



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: WORLD COMMUNION DAY

- † Divine Worship & Joint Communion with Sharon & Dunscombe at 9:30 a.m.**
- † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**

This Week at Sharon:

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).**
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- † Thursday: Water Resilience Community Meeting at Sharon Moravian Church at 6:00 p.m. The Topic under discussion is “Conserving Water, Saving Energy: A Vital Partnership for a Sustainable Future!”**
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- † Saturday: Prayer Meeting – Saturday before Communion & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.**
- † Next Sunday at Sharon: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

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

This Week at Dunscombe:

- † **Monday: Youth Fellowship – 7:30 p.m.**
- † **Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship – 6:00 p.m. (First & Third Tues.)**
- † **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**

NEXT SUNDAY AT DUNSCOMBE – MISSIONS SUNDAY

- † **Missionary Festival – 8:00 a.m.**
- † **Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.**



Activities in the Month of October 2024 – Women’s Fellowship Month:

- † **Women’s Fellowship Month. Activities for the month:**
 - **Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 5th, 5:00 p.m. at Calvary.**
 - **Exhibition – Saturday, 12th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Centre (Sharon).**
 - **Women’s Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 20th**
 - **Women’s Fellowship Rally – Sunday, 20th, 4:30 p.m. at Bethlehem.**
 - **Quiz – Monday, 21st, 7:00 p.m. online.**
 - **Candlelight Service – Sunday, 27th, 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill.**
- † **Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 13th, 8:00 a.m.**
- † **The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 26th, 6:00 am.**
- † **Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 27th, 9:30 a.m.**
- † **Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 27th, 9:30 a.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **Dunscombe’s Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, in the morning service. We hope to raise \$6,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Envelopes. 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.**
2. **Sharon’s Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024, in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and 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.

3. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events planned include:
 - ✚ Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024
 - ✚ Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025, at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.
 - ✚ Planting of a Time Capsule – February 9, 2025
 - ✚ Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- ✚ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. **Envelopes are available for collection.** For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



4. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

- ✚ The Provincial family mourns the loss of a colleague and brother, Rev. Winston Jones. Bro. Jones died on Sunday August 18, 2024, in Jamaica. He was Barbadian and previously served in the Eastern West Indies Province for nineteen years and was then seconded to The Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. A Service of Celebration of Life and Thanksgiving to God will be held at the Trinity Moravian Church, Richmond Park, Kingston, Jamaica on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The Funeral Service of Thanksgiving and Interment will take place at the Sharon Moravian Church, St. Thomas, Barbados on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The Provincial family expresses sincere condolences to

his widow, Mrs. Karen Bowers-Jones and their children, Gabrielle and Michael. Let us pray for the family as they journey through this place of grief and loss.

5. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

6. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

7. We are thankful for your financial support.

✠ 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.

- † You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
- 8. 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.
- † 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
- † Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



The Past 225 Years

25. Did you know that another Sharon Moravian Church exists? A Sharon Moravian Church can be found in Tuscarawas, Ohio, USA. It was built in 1857 and boasts a membership of 600. Like us in Barbados, it continues to preach God's word.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Carmen Harper (Dunscombe).*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
† *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)(Sharon), Sis. Grace Idene Herbert (Dunscombe).*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences and pray for Sis. Justina Lowe on the passing of her daughter, Virene Ward.*
4. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2024 – 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 for 2024 – 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.



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



Provincial Theme 2024:

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

“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC



**WATER RESILIENCE
COMMUNITY
MEETINGS**

Conserving Water, Saving Energy: A Vital Partnership for a Sustainable Future!

Join the Barbados Water Authority and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre for a series of community meetings as part of the WSRN S-Barbados project.

Learn how water conservation and energy savings are connected and what you can do to help.

**MORE INFORMATION FOR MORE
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US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.**



**10 October 2024
SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Be a part of the solution for a sustainable future.
We look forward to seeing you there!**