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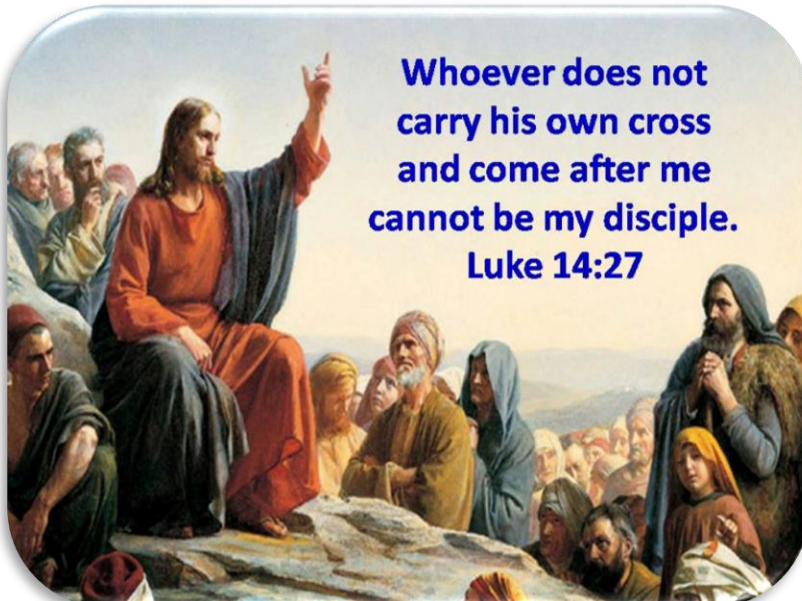
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**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** A warm welcome is extended to us today as we worship. May we experience God's peace in our hearts as we fellowship with God and each other. To all, to everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; we say welcome!

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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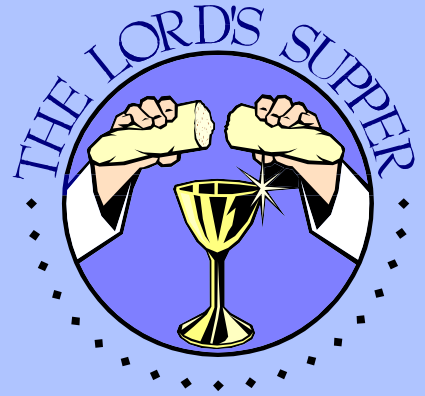
**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD:** Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.  
*(Deuteronomy 30:19, 20)*

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

*Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;  
Focus & Function; Total Transformation*





## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 92:1 – 2):

**Leader:** *It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

**Congregation:** *To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.*

Opening Hymn: 27 – “O Worship the King”

Invocation

Litany for Education (p. 178 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory Sentence:** *“In everything I did I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ ”* (Acts 20:35, NIV).

**Offertory Hymn:** # 285 – “Servant of All, To Toil For Man”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

**Offertory Doxology:** “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word:

**First Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 14:25 – 33

**Choir Anthem – “Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)”**

**Sermon** – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

**Hymn 510 – “Thine For Ever!”**

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HOLY COMMUNION

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**Distribution Hymns:** 196 – “There Were Ninety And Nine”  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Call to Worship (Psalm 92:1 – 2):

*Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

*Congregation: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.*



Hymn 27 –

O worship the King;  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love;  
Our shield and defender,  
The ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
Deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old,  
Hath 'stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might,  
Ineffable love!  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall lisp to thy praise.



## Invocation



## EDUCATION

*All standing.*

*TUNE: # 368 – RICHMOND*

**We come this day to give you thanks:  
We bring our loudest praise,  
Our talents, skills, our hearts and hands  
In gratitude we raise.**

**We come and bow before your throne  
To pledge ourselves anew,  
The ones we teach at school or home  
We consecrate to you.**

**Help us to teach only what's right  
And keep our conscience clear.  
Give us the strength to daily fight  
Against the devil's snare.**

*2003. Joan Smith and Natalee Smith*

Omniscient Creator, with whom is wisdom and might, counsel and understanding, you are perfect in knowledge, and from you come every good gift and every perfect gift. We praise you for the wisdom, power and love displayed in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in all humanity, whom you made to have dominion over the works of your hands.

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, the Teacher come from God, Incarnate Word, Eternal Truth, we praise you that you have come to be a light unto them that sit in darkness, and that you have called us to the life of the children of light.

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

Divine Holy Spirit, our Helper and our Strength, we praise you for revealing unto humanity the deep things of God, dividing your gifts to each one even as you will, witnessing with our spirit that we are children of God, and leading us in the path of the wisdom from above.

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

*TUNE: # 486 – OMBERSLEY*

**Lord of all being, throned afar,  
Thy glory flames from sun and star,  
Centre and soul of every sphere,**

**Yet to each loving heart how near!**

**Lord of all life, below, above,  
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
Before thy ever-blazing throne  
We ask no lustre of our own.**

**Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
Till all thy living altars claim  
One holy light, one heavenly flame!**

*Oliver W. Holmes (1809 – 1894)*

*All seated.*

**Let us pray.**

O Gracious God, who would have all people come to a knowledge of yourself as revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

We remember before you, on this day, every educational enterprise established for the instruction and care of children and youth, in this and other lands: public and private schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries. Enlighten and inspire by your Holy Spirit all who serve in them, to receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity.

***O God, hear us, and help us.***

Command your blessing upon the schools and colleges of our Church. May all who teach therein themselves be taught of you. Give our trustees and administrators the wisdom and courage which so great a work demands.

Should your servants, in weakness of flesh and spirit, be tempted to doubt and discouragement, do comfort and strengthen them.

***O God, hear us, and help us.***

We entrust to you the whole educational work of the Church in our congregations at home and abroad. Assist parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord by prayer, instruction and example. Touch by thy Spirit the minds and lives of pastors and teachers so that they may lead our children unto that knowledge which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

***O God, hear us, and help us.***

We entrust to you the children and youth of our homes and schools. Arouse them to diligence in the morning of life. Fill them with the spirit of honour and reverence. Preserve them in honesty and integrity. Keep them in purity and health.

Guide them:

In the search of the Scriptures,  
In the study of your wondrous works,  
In the pursuit of truth,  
In all their thoughts, words and deeds.

And may the example of their Saviour:

In his innocent childhood and youth,  
In his willing obedience,  
In his unselfish service to humanity,  
In his perfect pattern in life and death,  
Be their constant inspiration.

*O God, hear us, and help us.*

*All standing.*

*TUNE: # 446 – ST. LEONARD*

**Father Supreme by whom we live,  
Thou who art God alone,  
Our songs of grateful praise receive,  
And make our hearts thy throne.**

**May every science, every truth,  
Our eager minds explore;  
Lead us alike in age and youth  
Thy wisdom to adore.**

**May those who teach, and those who learn,  
Walk in the narrow road;  
In every sphere of thought discern  
An ever-present God.**

*Edward H. Dewart (1828 – 1903)*



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**



**Worship In Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“In everything I did I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ ”*  
(Acts 20:35, NIV).



## Offertory Hymn: 285 –

Servant of all, to toil for man  
Thou didst not, Lord, refuse;  
Thy majesty did not disdain  
To be employed for us.

Son of the carpenter, receive  
This humble work of mine;  
Worth to my meanest labour give,  
By joining it to thine.

End of my every action thou,  
In all things thee I see;  
Accept my hallowed labour now,  
I do it unto thee.

Thy bright example I pursue,  
To thee in all things rise;  
And all I think, or speak, or do  
Is one great sacrifice.

Careless through outward cares I go,  
From all distraction free;  
My hands are but engaged below,  
My heart is still 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*)





## **Ministry of the Word**

### **First Scripture Reading:**

**Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20**

15. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;
16. In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.
17. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;
18. I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.
19. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:
20. That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.



### **Second Scripture Reading:**

**Luke 14: 25 – 33**

25. And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
27. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
28. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?
29. Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,
30. Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
32. Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
33. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.



### **Choir Anthem – “*Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)*”**



### **Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



### **Hymn 510 –**

Thine for ever! God of love,  
Hear us from thy throne above;  
Thine for ever may we be,  
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
Shield us through our earthly strife;  
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! O how blest  
They who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep  
These thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath thy care,  
Let us all thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,

All our wants by thee supplied,  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.



## 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.*



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.



576

With deep devotion  
We in Christ's sufferings trace  
The unfathomed ocean

Of his abounding grace;  
He gave  
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken  
Upon the shameful cross,  
As he hath spoken,  
Was given to death for us:  
We feed  
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,  
Let us to meet him haste;  
He comes to cheer us,  
His flesh is our repast,  
His blood  
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion  
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
And holy union  
With all who love his name  
May we  
Abide continually.



158

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.



***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.***





There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
     In the shelter of the fold;  
 But one was out in the hills away,  
     Far off from the gates of gold,  
 Away from the mountains wild and bare,  
     Away from the tender Shepherd's care.  
  
 'Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine;  
     Are they not enough for thee?'  
 But the Shepherd made answer, 'This of mine  
     Has wandered away from me;  
 And, although the road be rough and steep.  
     I go to the desert to find my sheep.'  
  
 But none of the ransomed ever knew  
     How deep were the waters crossed,  
 Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through,  
     Ere he found his sheep that was lost.  
     Out in the desert he heard its cry,  
     Sick and helpless and ready to die.  
  
 'Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way,  
     That mark out the mountain's track?'  
 'They were shed for one who had gone astray,  
     Ere the Shepherd could bring him back,'  
 'Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?'  
     'They are pierced to-night by many a thorn.'  
  
 And all through the mountains, thunder-riven,  
     And up from the rocky steep,  
 There rose a cry to the gate of heaven,  
     'Rejoice, I have found my sheep!'  
 And the angels echoed around the throne,  
     'Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!'



263

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
     'Come unto me and rest;  
 Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
     Thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,  
 Weary and worn and sad;  
 I found in him a resting-place,  
 And he has made me glad.  
 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 'Behold, I freely give  
 The living water; thirsty one,  
 Stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
 I came to Jesus, and I drank  
 Of that life-giving stream;  
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
 And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 'I am this dark world's light;  
 Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
 And all thy day be bright.'  
 I looked to Jesus, and I found  
 In him my star, my sun;  
 And in that light of life I'll walk,  
 Till travelling days are done.



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.



*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 – 588**

For the bread and for the wine,  
For the pledge that seals Him mine,  
For the words of love divine,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,  
Bidding all our sorrows cease,

Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye  
To the cross of Calvary,  
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,  
Type of Him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead;  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;  
As we at His table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up!  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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 – 600**

We now return each to his tent,  
Joyful and glad of heart  
And from our solemn covenant  
Through grace will ne'er depart:  
Once more we pledge both heart and hand,  
As in God's presence here we stand,  
To live to him, and him alone,  
Till we surround his throne.



### ***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**

**A warm welcome is extended to us today as we worship. May we experience God's peace in our hearts as we fellowship with God and each other. To all, to everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; we say welcome!**



***Advanced Kadeem Turton & Marcia Cox (6<sup>th</sup>), Tremaine Babb (8<sup>th</sup>), Carl Hoyte (9<sup>th</sup>), Joshua Waithe (10<sup>th</sup>)***



***Congratulations to: Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5, 2022.***

## MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,  
Bless them all we humbly pray;  
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour  
Be their comfort every day.  
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,  
Favour them with his most gracious leading;  
Thus shall they be truly blessed,  
Both in labour and in rest.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: 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
- † 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 September 2022:

- † Centenary Fish-Fry – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>, D. C. Moore Centre, 1 – 4:00 p.m. \$25.00.
- † Seniors' Sunday – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>
- † Missionary Festival at Faith – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- † Brown Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup>. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear brown and to present a walk-up offering of brown Barbados currency.



## **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. The Provincial Board makes the following announcement:
  - ✠ **Consecration:** Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested by the Provincial Board to consecrate the Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The Presbyterate is the second order of ministry in the Moravian Church. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Friedensthal Moravian Church in St. Croix.
  - ✠ Please pray for Sis. Ross-Floyd and family, the Provincial Board and the Province as a whole as we seek to answer the call of God on our lives.
3. As the Choir returns from break, you are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
4. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
5. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
  - ✠ For our Green Offering last month, some \$1,070 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter and the next one, a Brown Sunday, is planned for the Fourth Sunday in September.
  - ✠ 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

6. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.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.
  7. 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/](http://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](mailto: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.**

