

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

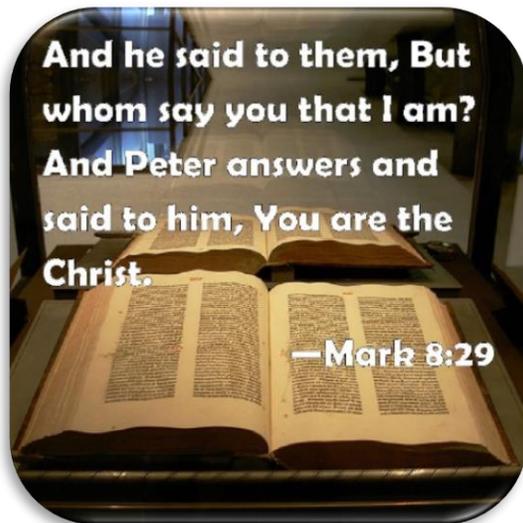
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And he said to them, But
whom say you that I am?
And Peter answers and
said to him, You are the
Christ.

—Mark 8:29

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“With joyfulness and longing”* we assemble or we gather online for worship, seeking the revival and guidance that is to be found in Christ and his word. Welcome is extended to all and may our hope be fulfilled.

Pastor: *Rev. Ezra Parris*
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: *“But who do you say that I am?”*

(Mark 8:29)

Provincial Theme 2021: *“Advance the Kingdom:
S.H.I.F.T.”*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4):

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

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

Hymn 38 – “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116: 1 – 9

Opening Prayer

Hymn 290 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

Selection

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8: 27 – 38

Hymn of Preparation: 161 – “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

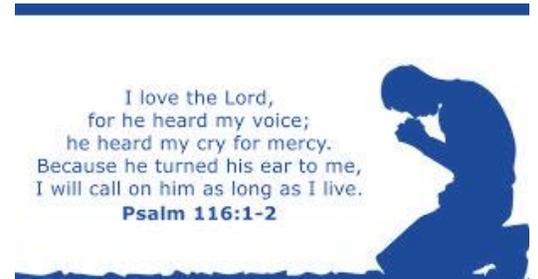
Sermon – – Rev. Movelle Kellman

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

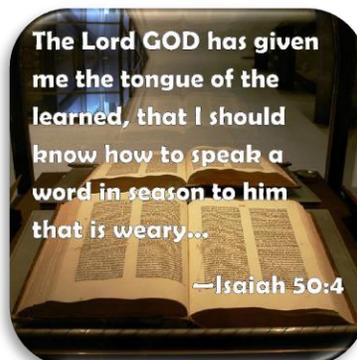
Closing Hymn: 235 – “Take My Life, And Let It Be”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 38 –

**Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, 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.**



Responsive Reading: Psalm 116: 1 – 9

- 1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.**
- 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.**
- 3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.**
- 4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.**
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.**
- 6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.**
- 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.**
- 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.**
- 9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 290 –

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**

O let me hear Thee speaking

**In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.**

**O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.**



Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

- 4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.**
- 5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.**
- 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.**
- 7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.**

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.



Selection



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8: 27 – 38

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.



Hymn of Preparation: 161 –

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**His grace subdues the power of sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**Look unto him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race;
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 235 –

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

**Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

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

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

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

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



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Today: Victor Hurdle & Normandyne Millwood

Advanced: Joan Morris (13th), Catherine Whittaker-Boxill (14th), Sophia Chase & Ayesha Ibrahim (15th), Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Ursaline Davis & Louis Linton (17th), Gloria Bellamy, Janaiyah Payne & Tyrone Waithe (18th)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis Linton & Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton who will celebrate their 6th Wedding Anniversary on September 18, 2021.

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

- † 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: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Thursday: Ministers' Covenant Day
 - † Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – SENIORS SUNDAY
 - † Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Pastors
 - † Divine Worship at 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on CBC – Q100 FM)



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Minister's Covenant Day – The office of the Chief Elder, the highest spiritual office in the Moravian Church had become vacant due to the resignation of Leonard Dober. No one who seemed suitable could be found to take his place. A synodal conference in London in 1741 was guided, after long deliberations, to acknowledge that Jesus Christ was already the Chief Elder of the Church. September 16th is observed as Minister's Covenant Day to remind the servants of the church that Christ leads and supports them in the fulfillment of their call, and encouraging them to continue in the work of the Lord.
2. In order to facilitate the radio broadcast of our worship service on CBC – Q100FM, the time of worship on September 19, 2021 will be changed to 9:00 a.m. on that Sunday only.

3. The stop on in-sanctuary worship in this pastorate of Sharon and Dunscombe continues to next Sunday, September 19th as the national limit on attendees at worship to 25, remains in place. Members and the public are invited to gather virtually and worship via our livestream which will be streamed from Sharon on YouTube and Facebook.
4. There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, commencing at 4:00 p.m.
5. Repairs to the church Organ are in progress and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.
6. From the Provincial Board:
 - ✠ Sunday, September 19, 2021, will be observed as the annual Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Pastors in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day, we pray for the spouses who were partners in the work of ministry. Please remember in prayer: Sis. Margaret John – Tobago (Antigua), Sis. Dorothy Graham – Barbados, Sis. Ida Browne – Antigua, Sis. Deborah Challenger – Antigua, Sis. Myrtle Miller – USA, Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs – Virgin Islands, and Sis. Lynda Prout – Trinidad. Along with prayer, a special offering will be taken as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
 - ✠ The Moravian Provincial family expresses condolences to the Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas on the death of his brother, Bro. Hubert “Alex” Nicholas, who died in Miami on Monday, August 30, 2021. He was 68 years old. The funeral service for Bro. Hubert “Alex” Nicholas was held on Friday, September 10, 2021 in Miami.
 - ✠ On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit southwestern Haiti. On August 18, 2021 Tropical Storm, Grace moved over the ruins and the already traumatized brothers and sisters of Northern Haiti. Two of the dozen congregations in Haiti were directly affected by the earthquake and the storm. The Moravian Board of World Mission has begun relief work and will continue to work through the local pastors.
 - ✠ The need of the moment is for cash to help the rebuilding process. As the Lord lays it on your heart, please consider giving to our brothers and sisters in Haiti as we show evidence of being our brothers’ and sisters’ keeper. Congregations are asked to receive an offering in September towards the rebuilding process for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. . . . Let us also join the prayer for covering over Haiti, that the peace of God and the provision of God be upon the first free Black nation.
 - ✠ Here at Sharon and Dunscombe, you can make use of the established channels for giving offerings or contributions, to make your donation by Sunday, September 26, 2021.
7. 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.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The people of the region as we have entered the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.
- † 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 – 2021

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 (6) 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 six (6) 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 six (6) 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. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the 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.

