



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Genesis 50:15-21 (NKJV)

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A sincere welcome to all gathered for worship today. We lift our hearts and voices in praise to God, and we invite him to fill our lives with his blessings. A special welcome to Stuart Davis and Rachele Proverbs and all who are here especially for the blessing of their child. We welcome as well those who join in by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. *(Psalm 103:2)*

Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1 – 4):

Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

Congregation: *One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.*

Hymn 495 – “O Praise Ye The Lord”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1 – 14

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 262 – “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

Welcome & Celebrations

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15 – 21

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21 – 35

Hymn of Preparation: 269 – “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Blessing of Infant

Hymn 234 – “Have You Been to Jesus for the Cleansing Power” (Special Request)

Notices & Concerns

Hymn 281 – “I Am Thine, O Lord”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!



Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1 – 14

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving



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C.M. With Refrain.

**I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.**

But 'I know whom I have believèd,

*And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.'*

**2 I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.**

**3 I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.**

**4 I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.**

**5 I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.**

1883. Daniel W. Whittle.



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Today: Joan Morris

Advanced: Catherine Whittaker-Boxill (14th), Sophia Chase, Ayesha Ibrahim & Merville Pilgrim (15th), Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Ursaline Davis, Ottaline Hall & Louis Linton (17th), Gloria Bellamy, Janaiyah Payne &



Tyrone Waithe (18th), Carmel Downes, Cora Cumberbatch & Richardene Cox (19th)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis Linton & Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton who will celebrate their 5th Wedding Anniversary on September 18, 2020.

Flowers this week have been donated by Sis. Carmel Downes & Sis. Cora Cumberbatch in celebration of their birthdays, and Bro. Louis Linton & Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15 – 21

- 15. And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.**
- 16. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,**
- 17. So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.**
- 18. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.**
- 19. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?**
- 20. But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.**
- 21. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.**



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21 – 35

- 21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?**
- 22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**
- 23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.**
- 24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.**
- 25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.**
- 26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**
- 27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.**
- 28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.**
- 29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**
- 30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.**
- 31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.**
- 32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:**
- 33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?**
- 34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.**
- 35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**



Hymn of Preparation: 269 –

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Blessing of Infant



Hymn 234 –

**Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

*Are you washed ... in the blood, ...
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they pure and clean?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

**Are you walking daily by the Saviour's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Pure and clean in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the joys unseen,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb!
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean –
Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!**



NOTICES & CONCERNS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

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

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

Thursday: Meeting of Board of Elders at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- † Ministers Covenant Day – Wednesday, 16th
- † Bethlehem & Faith Deeper Life Services Online – Sept. 17, 24 – 7:30 p.m. FaceBook & YouTube. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.
- † Faith Missionary Festival – Sunday, 20th, 8:00 a.m.

- ✝ Reopening of the Grace Hill Moravian PreSchool – Monday, 21st
- ✝ Bethlehem Missionary Festival – Sunday, 27th, 10:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. You are reminded of the officers of the Board of Elders: Vice-Chairman – Sis Lucine Baker; Secretary – Sis Angelus Hurdle; Assistant Secretary – Sis Eula Gibbs.

✝ Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as in the table below:

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.	Sis. Shirley Cadogan
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Sis. Joan Taylor
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, Brittons Hill, Kingsland Terrace	Sis. Grace Sandiford Sis. Angelus Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Eula Gibbs
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Marion King-Taylor
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Carmel Downes
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.	Sis. Ciana Downes
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Husbands New Dev., Hinds Hill, Husbands Gardens, Oxnards, West Terrace, Wanstead Heights, Wanstead Gardens.	Sis. Lucine Baker
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Thorpes, Hoytes Village, Holders Hill, Prior Park, Bakers Woods.	Sis Chantal Clarke

2. 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.
3. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
 4. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
 5. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



PRAYER NEEDS:



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



Hymn 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
 And it told Thy love to me;
 But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
 And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
 To the cross where Thou hast died;
 Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,
 To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,

By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



Organ Postlude



AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- Missionary Collection Boxes – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.

4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

