

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

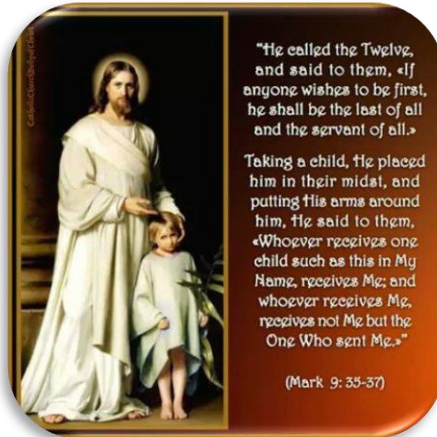
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Sunday, September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all, as we celebrate another day of life and the grace of God that made it possible. We welcome you as you join us in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook, and today, we also welcome those who share in this service of worship via radio on CBC – Q100FM. A special welcome to our seniors, wherever you are, as we observe Senior's Sunday in this pastorate. May God bless us richly as we worship.

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



WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Litany: A Canticle of Praise p. 234 – CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome & Celebrations

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: James 3:13 – 18 – *Sis. Gwendolyn Brewster*

Choir Anthem – – *“Songs for the Journey”*

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30 – 37 – *Sis Shelah Clarke*

Hymn of Preparation: 329 – *“O For A Closer Walk With God”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 273 – *“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”*

Notices & Concerns

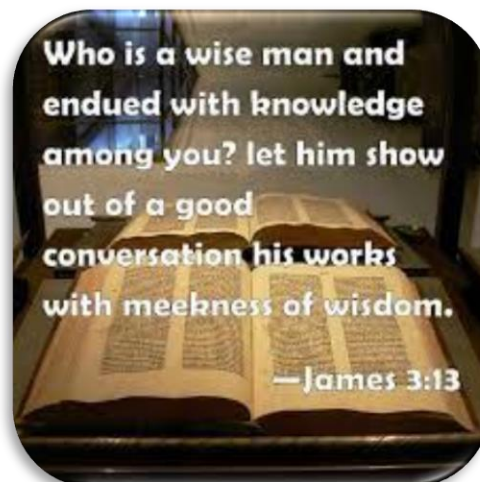
Hymn 474 – *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.**

**Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.**

Osler (1798 – 1863)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures forever. Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

**Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
*For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.***

**Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
*Glory to the father, Son
And blest Spirit, Three in One.***

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.



Welcome & Celebrations



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: James 3:13 – 18 – *Sis. Gwendolyn Brewster*

- 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
- 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
- 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.



Choir Anthem – – “Songs for the Journey”



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 30 – 37 – *Sis Shelah Clarke*

- 30** And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.
- 31** For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.
- 32** But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.
- 33** And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?
- 34** But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.
- 35** And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.
- 36** And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,
- 37** Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.



Hymn of Preparation: 329 –

**O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.**

**Return, O holy Dove, return,
Dear messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.**

The dearest idol I have known,

Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 273 –

All the way my Saviour leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages –
'Jesus led me all the way!'



Notices & Concerns



Closing Hymn: 474 –

**COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!**



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Today: Carmel Downes, Cora Cumberbatch & Richardene Cox

Advanced: Danyeel Cordle, Esther Hunte, Flo Jean-Marie, Grace Lewis, Natalie Maynard, Melanie Stevenson (20th), Keesha Franklin, Leslie Moaze, Brenda Myles & Adara Nicholls (22nd), Shaquille Bryan, Dwayne Ellis, Sonia King & Aaliyah Payne (23rd), Cherise Clarke & Arianna Layne (24th), Ryan Ellis, Hetta Gill, Gabriel Leacock & Myrna Walkes (25th)

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 – SENIORS SUNDAY

- † Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Pastors
- † Divine Worship at 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on CBC – Q100 FM)

† 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: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

- ✝ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- ✝ Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. There is as yet no change to the number permitted to attend in-sanctuary worship at Sharon or Dunscombe. Our limit remains at 25 attendees.
 - ✝ At Sharon, we will continue to livestream our worship service next Sunday, September 26th. Members and the public are invited to gather virtually and worship via our livestream which will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook.
 - ✝ At Dunscombe, a system of regulating attendance is being implemented with a view to resuming in-sanctuary worship next Sunday. Please await further communication on the matter via electronic means.
2. 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.
3. We celebrate with and we encourage our young people who will be commencing their secondary level education this week: Thalia Knight; Jamario Lewis; Zachary Gale; Kyle Blackman Gibbons and Tahlia Miller. We acknowledge that you will be “going to school” online, which might not be what you were looking forward to, but we encourage you to make the most of the situation, giving yourself to your studies.
4. We extend congratulations to Sis Shaina Sandiford on having successfully completed her final exams as a medical student and beginning her internship.
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. 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 Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Brenda Myles and family on the passing of her mother; Sis Shirley Blackman and family as they continue to mourn the loss of her sister Sheilah. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday, September 25, 2021, commencing at 9:30 a.m.*
3. The people of the region as we are in 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.

