

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

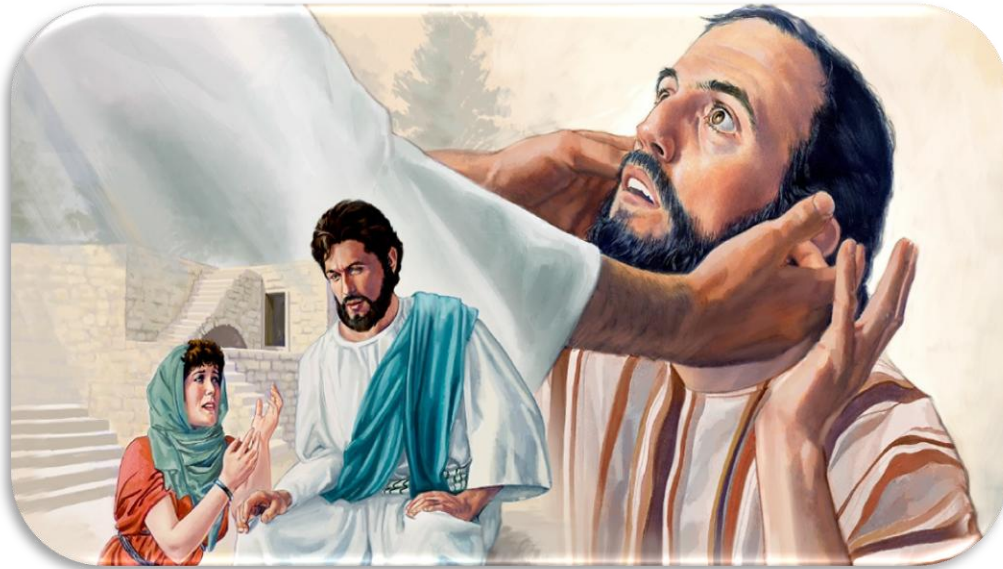
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Sunday, September 5, 2021

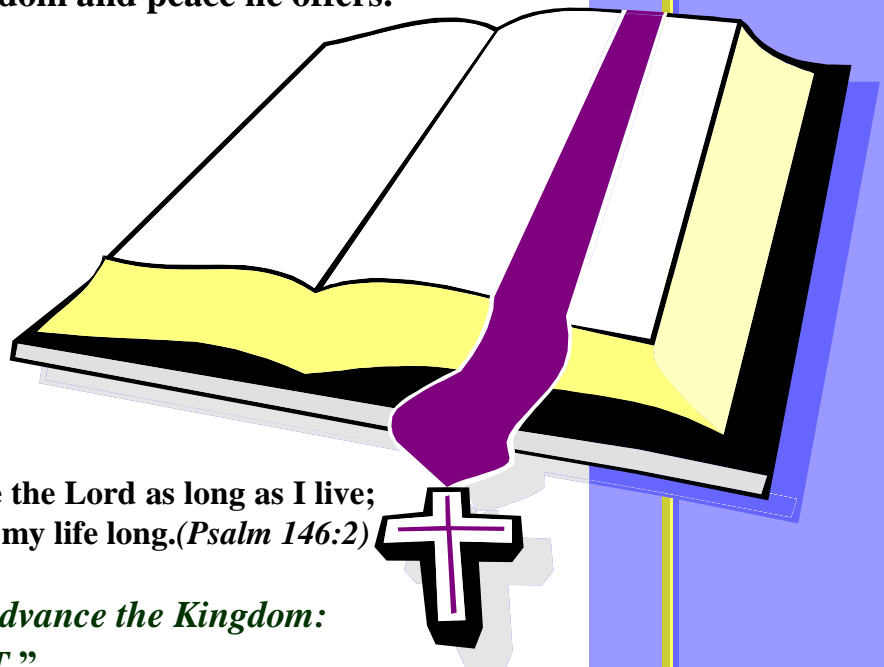
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Welcome to all, and as we experience the presence of God today, let us receive of him the freedom and peace he offers.

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



**WATCHWORD: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long. (Psalm 146:2)**

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship(Psalm 147:1):

Leader: ¹ Praise the LORD!

Congregation: *For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 221 – “Oh, What A Saviour – That He Died For Me”

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: James 2:1 – 10

New Testament Reading: Mark 7:24 – 37

Hymn of Preparation: 209 – “Heal Us, Immanuel; Hear Our Prayer”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

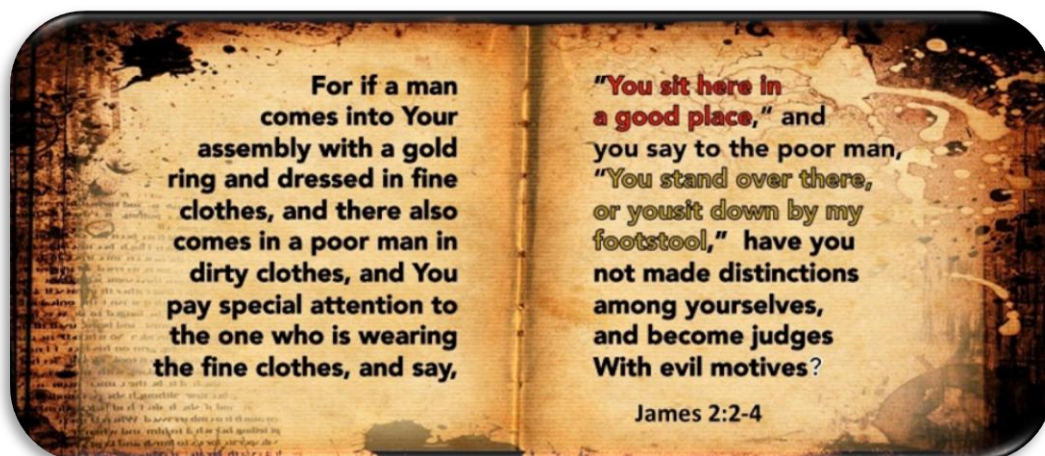
Closing Hymn: 434 – “O Master, When Thou callest”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Call to Worship(Psalm 147:1):

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Congregation: *For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.*



Opening Hymn: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.**



Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
- 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
- 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:
- 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:
- 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:
- 8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
- 9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
- 10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 221 –

Oh, what a Saviour – that He died for me!
From condemnation He hath made me free;
‘He that believeth on the Son,’ saith He,
‘Hath everlasting life!’

*‘Verily, verily, I say unto you;’
‘Verily, verily,’ message ever new!
‘He that believeth on the Son’ – ‘tis true! –
‘Hath everlasting life!’*

All my iniquities on Him were laid,
All my indebtedness by Him was paid;
All who believe on Him, the Lord hath said,
‘Hath everlasting life.’

**Though poor and needy, I can trust my Lord;
Though weak and sinful, I believe His Word;
Oh, glad message! every child of God
'Hath everlasting life.'**

**Though all unworthy, yet I will not doubt;
For him that cometh, He will not cast out:
'He that believeth,' oh the good news shout!
'Hath everlasting life.'**



Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: James 2:1 – 10

- 1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.**
- 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;**
- 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:**
- 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?**
- 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?**
- 6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?**
- 7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?**
- 8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:**

- 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
- 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.



Solo – David Greenidge



New Testament Reading: Mark 7:24 – 37

- 24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.
- 25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:
- 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.
- 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.
- 28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.
- 29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.
- 30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.
- 31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.
- 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.
- 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;
- 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.
- 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.
- 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.



Hymn of Preparation: 209 –

Heal us, Immanuel; hear our prayer;
We wait to feel thy touch:
Deep-wounded souls to thee repair;
And, Saviour, we are such.

Our faith is feeble, we confess;
We faintly trust thy word:
But wilt thou pity us the less?
Be that far from thee, Lord.

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
‘Lord, I believe!’ with tears he cried;
‘O help my unbelief!’”

She, too, who touched thee in the press,
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, ‘Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith hath made thee whole.’

Concealed amid the gathering throng,
She would have shunned thy view;
And if her faith was firm and strong,
Had strong misgivings too.

Like her, with hopes and fears we come,
To touch thee, if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Response: 434 –

**O Master, when thou callest,
No voice may say thee nay,
For blest are they that follow
Where thou dost lead the way;
In freshest prime of morning,
Or fullest glow of noon,
The note of heavenly warning
Can never come too soon.**

**O Master, when thou callest,
No foot may shrink in fear;
For they who trust thee wholly
Shall find thee ever near:
And chamber still and lonely,
Or busy harvest field,
Where thou, Lord, rulest only,
Shall precious produce yeild.**

**O Master, when thou callest,
No heart may dare refuse;
'Tishonour, highest honour,
When thou dost deign to use;
Our brightest and our fairest,
Our dearest — all are thine;
Thou who for each one carest,
We hail thy love's design.**

**They who go forth to serve thee,
We too who serve at home,
May watch and pray together
Until thy kingdom come.
In thee for aye united,
Our song of hope we raise,
Till that blest shore is sighted
Where all shall turn to praise.**



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



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Advanced: Kadeem Turton & Marcia Cox (6th), Tremaine Babb (8th), Carl Hoyte (9th), Joshua Waithe (10th), Betty Bryan (11th)



Congratulations to: Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who are celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary today

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: Training on the Steelpan – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.
2. Since last Sunday, churches nationally have been asked to limit the number of attendees at worship to 25, in response to recent COVID-19 related developments. Here in this pastorate of Sharon & Dunscombe, the decision has been taken to suspend in-sanctuary worship through to September 19th. Members and the public are invited to gather virtually and worship via our livestream which will be streamed from Sharon on YouTube and Facebook.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The Provincial Board announcements that: 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 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. 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.

