



Carry  
the cross and  
follow me

LUKE 14:27



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**Watchword for the Week:** 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**

**\*Prelude**

*Mr. Fabio Alvarez*

**\* Call to Worship & Daily Text    September 4, 2016**

**\* Introit**

*The Chancel Choir*

**\* Processional Hymn #470**

**"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**The Litany for Service to Humanity**

*Sis. Samar Potter*

*Seated*

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

**Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"**

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

God is love. In the desire to help us share in this love, God sent his son into the world to come to our aid and in gentle kindness to help those who are weak, sick, or unfortunate. In his great love for all of us, Christ said that whatever we do for the least among us, we do for him. He called those who show mercy "blessed of the Father" and promised them eternal life. Let us therefore pray for the Lord's richest blessings on all forms of service to humanity and those who labor for it.

**Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.**

Almighty God, for our sake, your son was poor and came not to be served but to

serve. Grant that we too may love our brothers and sisters and help them in their need.

**Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.**

By your redeeming work, you made a new world where we have become neighbors to each other and are enabled to love one another. Grant that we may strive toward a way of life in keeping with the Gospel.

**Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.**

You want all people to share in the blessings you have brought. Stir the hearts of many among your people, so that, moved by your love, they may gladly devote themselves to assisting those in need and in misfortune.

**Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.**

Enkindle the hearts of those who lead and those who serve in the ministries of this community with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that they may have visions and blessings in abundance to minister in new ways, to bring the love of Christ to others, and so build up your kingdom.

**Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.**

O, Lord, our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that our service to humanity be done to the glory of your name and for the good of this community, our churches, and all your people.

**May those who labor be filled with the joy of your presence, O Lord. May those who are served be touched by the Gospel.**

**\*Hymn #627 verse 1      “Called by Christ to Love Each Other”**

**Welcome and Announcements** *Bro. Philbert Jeffrey*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 (tune 444)      “With Your Presence, Lord”**

**Greeting Song      “I Am Blessed”**

**#1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**      Deuteronomy 30:15-20      *Bro. Matthew Walker*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**      Philemon 1-21      *Sis. Simone Merchant Taylor*

**\*Choral Response #846      “Glory be to you, O Lord”**

**\*THE GOSPEL**      Luke 14:25-33      *Sis. Meshelle Edwards*

**\*Choral Response #846      “Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise”**

**Worship through Song** *The Chancel Choir*

**SERMON      “Our Lamb has conquered: Let us follow him, willingly”**  
*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**\* Hymn #401 vs. 1 & 3      “Heart with Loving Heart United”**



## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### **\*Offertory Sentence:**

Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." (Mark 4:24-25 NKJV)

### **\*Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Father, we know that we shall all give an account of ourselves to Jesus. Inspire us to give ourselves as well as our money and bless the gifts and the givers to your glory, we pray. Amen.

### **Offertory Hymn #785 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

### **\*Ascription of Praise #817 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

### **\*Holy Communion—Atonement pg. 196-208**

### **\*Recessional Hymn #587 "Our Lamb Has Conquered"**

### **Organ Postlude**

*Mr. Fabio Alvarez*

<b>#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.</b>
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## WELCOME

On behalf of United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus, find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home.

### **Announcements September 4, 2016**

- **Rev. and Sis. Powell, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Joan Powell to Keneil Henry of Christiana, Manchester in Jamaica W.I. The wedding will be at United Moravian on a dated to be confirmed in 2017.**
- **The Moravian Unity Synod was just concluded in Jamaica. A report from Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller is included in today's bulletin. Two highlights from it are listed here:**
  - 1. Unity Synod has formerly adopted "Our Lamb has Conquered; Let us follow Him" as the official motto of the Moravian Church.**
  - 2. Synod declared to the American Northern Province that the actions of its**

**June 2014 Synod concerning the marriage of same gender couples and the ordination of homosexual people is not in accordance with the 2016 Unity Synod's understanding of marriage.**

- **Bible Study will start again this Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**
- **The Ushers are having a meeting today right after service.**
- **Bro. Lenford Morris sincerely appreciates all the prayers and concerns he received during his hospital stay and recovery period.**
- **Sis Zenna Reid thanks her United Brothers & Sisters, especially Esmie Fraser McLeod, for all the guidance, love & support given to her in recent weeks.**
- **The Second Annual Youth and Family Conference will be held this Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> here at 9:00 am. Please see Sis. McKay or retrieve a flyer from the rack for more information.**
- **Next Sunday we will receive through the Sacrament of Baptism Kyshaun D.M. Merchant Jr., son of Te'Shaibrah Myles & Kyshaun Merchant Sr. and Alexi L. Lewis, daughter of Shornett & Neil Lewis.**
- **Next week is also Youth Recognition Sunday. If you have not done so already, please submit all certificates of achievement, report cards, college acceptances, etc. to Sis. Danielle Chambers via phone: 931-220-7591, email: chambersdanelle@hotmail.com, or leave copies (not originals) at the main office.**
- **Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Sunday School Workshop for the 2016-17 school year. This workshop is for Sunday school teachers and is open to those who are interested in being a part of the program. The time will be announced. Please speak with Sis. Jonelle Bernard for more information.**
- **Camp Hope in Ridgeway, NJ celebrates their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary the weekend of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be events for every family member. Additional information can be found on the rack.**
- **Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr. is presently in rehab due to a recent occurrence.**
- **Praise, Passion and Power! is the theme for our Deeper Life week of meetings from September 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. All services that week will begin at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will include Rev. Bevon White, Min. Jeremy Ricks, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ault-Barker, Rev. Earl Goulbourne and Rev. Powell.**
- **The youth need our help to get \$2,000 more to attend the 2016 Youth Ministries Weekend in Washington D.C October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Please help by giving your special donations during the Walk-up offerings for September. If you are intending to go and have not yet registered, please see Sister Claire McKay or Sister Daria Knowles.**
- **C.A.R.D. will host their Annual Fundraising and Awards Banquet on Friday October 28, 2016 at Antun's Caterers, located at 9643 Springfield Blvd Queens Village, NY. The event is from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. Donations are \$90.00 for this all inclusive affair. Proceeds will benefit the Leslie McKoy Scholarship**



- ◆ Ever wonder, why do I think the way I do?
- ◆ Have you asked yourself why I am not as blessed as a believer?
- ◆ Am I easily attracted to negative issues? If so, why?
- ◆ Do you want success in life but there is never enough time to get things done?

**Please come and get answers at**

***OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH AND FAMILY CONFERENCE***

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

**9:00 AM**

**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH  
200 E 127<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10035**

**THIS  
SATURDAY !!**

### **Conference Leaders**

**Rev. Nigel Powell, Pastor**

**Sis. Maxine Powell**

**Min. Jeremy Ricks, Youth Pastor**

**Sis. Regina Joseph Solomon**

**Sis. Jennifer Aska**

**Sis. Danielle Chambers**

***Free Conference – Donations accepted to defray cost for food.***

***Please contact Sis. Claire Martin-McKay***



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Tickets are \$90 and in Aid of The Leslie McKoy  
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For Further Information Please Contact Any member of C.A.R.D.

Chairman- Mr. Wendell Smith

Vice Chair- Mr. Winston Peart

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Fund and Community Outreach. For ticket info contact Sis. Eldra Drew or Bros. Wendell Smith or Patrick Bernard.

- **Rev. Canon McIntyre is retiring from the Church of the Good Shepherd. His retirement banquet will be held at Eastwood Manor on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information please contact the church at 718-324-2347.**
- **Save the date. The UMC Annual Ball will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Maestro's in the Bronx. Additional information will follow.**
- **In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow.**
- Ushers on duty next Sunday are: Glenneisha Hazel, Ashlyn Smith, Dameeka Nicholas, Fabian Martin, Jordan McKay, Jayden Simon, Jahlyia Gordon, Tatum Joseph, Dominique Roman.

### September Birthdays

Donnamaria James	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tenisha Simon	19 <sup>th</sup>
Rosebelle Lemond	7 <sup>th</sup>	Loretta Jones	21 <sup>st</sup>
Simone Merchant Taylor	7 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Lloyd	21 <sup>st</sup>
Marsha Henry	9 <sup>th</sup>	Elfrieda Daniel	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Eldridge Brown	10 <sup>th</sup>	Melverton Newell	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Trisha Simon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick Bernard Jr.	27 <sup>th</sup>
Teresita Tongue	16 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Lucas	29 <sup>th</sup>
Shareen Simon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Keisha Merchant	30 <sup>th</sup>
Marlene Murray	17 <sup>th</sup>	Kieyen Merchant	30 <sup>th</sup>
Gersham Sangster	17 <sup>th</sup>	Iris Woodley	30 <sup>th</sup>

### Coming Events

Sept. 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth & Family Conference
Sept. 11	Worship Service & Infant Baptism- Rev. N. Powell
Sept. 18	Worship Service - Rev. Nigel Powell
Sept. 19 -23	Deeper Life Worshiping @ 7:00 pm
Sept. 23-25	MWM Fall Workshop- Dover, OH
Sept. 25	Anniversary Service and Concert
Oct. 7 - 9	Youth Ministries Weekend - Washington, D.C.



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Sis. Bernice McLean  
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle  
Sis. Zenna Reid  
Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr.  
Bro. Luvey Williams  
Sis. Iris Woodley**

**When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.**

**Listening to the Sermon**

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God’s truth to your heart and life.

**SERMON TITLE**

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**Main points to remember**

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**Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:**

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# Total Commitment

There is a fable told about a pig and a chicken. As they walk down the road, the chicken says, "Hey Pig, I was thinking we should open a restaurant!" Pig replies, "Hm, maybe. What we should call it?" Chicken responds, "How about 'Bacon-n-Eggs'?" Pig thinks for a moment and says, "No thanks. You see, I'd be fully committed, but you'd only be making a contribution." The pig had to give up its life for the restaurant, while the chicken had only to lay some eggs.

In Luke 14, we hear Jesus saying to his crowd of followers, "*Whoever . . . does not forsake all that he [or she] has cannot be my disciple*" (v. 33 RSV). Jesus sets the enthusiastic crowd—and us—straight about the cost of faith. Discipleship calls not for a contribution, but for total commitment! While not for a moment implying the abandonment of one's family and responsibilities, there is still a clear choice to be made between the call of the gospel and the call of the world's obligations. If you are not willing to completely answer the call, then you may not be ready to be Jesus' disciple. Undeniably, Jesus desires total commitment from anyone choosing to take up the cross and follow him. There can be no compromise; it is all or nothing.

The question is, where do we stand in our commitment? Are we, like the chicken, comfortable in just contributing our eggs? Or do we urge each other to be more committed to Christ and to the church's mission to "go and make disciples of all nations"? Today, may we truly pray, "Lord, wherever you lead me, I will follow, follow all the way!" If God wants "bacon" from us, let's be committed enough to give it to him.

*Earl St. C. Goulbourne, pastor, Grace Moravian Church,  
Queens, New York*

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## The Moravian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016



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