

# They brought to Jesus all who were sick

MARK 1:32





# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**Watchword for the Week:** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his under-standing is beyond measure.

**Psalm 147:5**

**Organ Prelude**

*Mr. Orlando Alonso*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT Feb 8, 2015—**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

**\* Introit**

*Chancel Choir*

**\*Processional Hymn #470 “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**\*A Liturgy for Love**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

God is awesome! He formed the worlds by the power of His Word.

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

Nothing existed before God made them; not the sun, the moon, nor the stars; there were no dogs or cats, no houses, cars or supermarkets; nothing existed before God made them.

**The earth was without form and void; darkness was on the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

God made the plants and trees, the birds in the air, He made every animal on every continent; He made the fish in the seas and rivers and even the air that we breathe.

**And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.**

What colors God has made, in flow’r and field and tree!  
From springing green of leaf and blade, I learn his love for me.  
He frames the winter skies, His silver stars I see;  
He makes the sun in splendor rise, The God who cares for me.

{M.B.W. Hymn tune #466}



All Seated

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female. He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply."**

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

**Praise the Lord in every land and let His Name be blessed forever!**

{Gen 1}

So sing my Father's praise,  
The living God is he,  
Whose colors brighten all our days,  
Who loves and cares for me.

{M.B.W. Hymn tune #466}

All Stand

We are all brothers and sisters therefore, whether we come from the Caribbean, the United States, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Europe, China, India and anywhere else, we are brothers and sisters formed in the image of God.

**We are of God. Let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God for God is love.** (1 John 4:6-8 NKJV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of everything. {Rom 12 & 13}

**Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.**

{1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV}

Since, O Lord, you have demanded  
That our lives your love should show  
So we wait to be commanded  
Forth into your world to go.  
Kindle in us love's compassion  
So that everyone may see  
In our faith and hope the promise  
Of a new Humanity. {M.B.W. Hymn tune #401}

All Seated

Let us pray:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Be gentle to our misdeeds and heal us from the wounds that we do to each other as a loving mother that cares for her children. We know that we are supposed to love each other but often we fail. We fail to turn the other cheek and, choose instead to take an eye for an eye. Forgive us dear Lord and restore us to the love of Jesus so that we may learn again to forgive one another, lift up each other and love everyone just as Jesus has loved us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.**

\*Let us give the Right Hand of Fellowship in acknowledgement of our love for each other.

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil and pain,  
And sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

{M.B.W. Hymn tune #680}

**Compiled by Rev. Nigel Powell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

**Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #446**

**"The Lord Bless and Keep You"**

## Prayer of Intercession

*The Prayer Warriors*

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (Mark 11:24 NKJV)

## Prayer Hymn # 554

### **“God Reveals His Presence”**

*(The Sunday School leaves for classes)*

#### **#1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

*Sis. Mercelle Mason*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9: 16-23

*Sis. Joyce Anderson*

#### **\*Choral Response #846**

### **“Glory be to you, O Lord”**

#### **\*THE GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

*Sis. Myrna Higgins*

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

## Worship Selection

*Chancel Choir*

## SERMON

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

## Hymn #427

### **“O Perfect Love”**

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*Sis. Elaine Elvin*

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

Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

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

Lord Jesus, we present to you today all our tithes and offerings with hearts that are filled with gratitude and love toward you. Use these our gifts to bring your gospel to others and help them to see in us the God who loves the world. **AMEN**

#### **\*Tithes and Offertory Hymn #463**

### **“God Is Love, Let Heav’n Adore Him”**

#### **Presentation of Tithes/Offerings**

#### **\*Ascription of Praise #815 (Tune CANONBURY #646)**

#### **\*Benediction**

*Rev. Nigel Powell*

#### **\*Recessional Hymn #621 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

## Organ Postlude (Congregation Seated)

*Mr. Orlando Alonso*

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.
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## WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone

as we gather to worship on this Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

- Our Bible Study is held on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.
- The annual Wednesday Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. They will be held each Wednesday until March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Rev. Powell is inviting all children enrolled in the next confirmation class, along with their parents, to meet with him on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> after service. This group includes Tesean Hamm, Makayla Mack, Devante Nicholas, Matthew Walker, Tyler Malone Drew, Tatum Joseph, Armani Duvall, Lydia Spencer and Richard Duport-Hardtman. All are to meet in the choir loft.
- We are pleased to announce that Bro. Patrick Smith will be received as a full communicant member on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Tremont Terrace invites us to join them today at 3:30 pm in a Service of Thanksgiving, for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Rev. Desna Henry-Goulbourne. The service is followed by a reception. They ask for our prayers and presence, as they work for full realization of this special event.
- Sis. Minerva Joseph sends her regards to Rev. Powell and the UMC family.
- Sis. Jannette Abel is recuperating at Dumont Rehabilitation in New Rochelle. They're located at 676 Pelham Rd, and she can be reached at 914-609-6689.
- The February birthdays will be celebrated next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> after service. Anyone who wants to participant in the celebration should speak with Sis. Hazel or Sis. Julia Joseph.
- The Youth of United's next event is the Black History Celebration on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy the various performances, all for just \$10 per ticket. Tell your friends and family and enjoy the event together.
- This Saturday the Moravian Women in Ministry will host a fashion show and Valentine's Day "fling" from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 & \$10 for adults and children respectively. Please see an MWM member for tickets.
- On March 15<sup>th</sup> C.A.R.D will host their annual concert here at United. It will start at 3:30 pm and tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Please come out and support an organization that helps our people and communities.
- The Busy Bees are heading to Boston during the Memorial Day weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Please retrieve a flyer from the rack for additional details.
- There are still vacancies to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Moravian Women's Conference being held in Maryland June 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. If interested please see Sis. Iris Joseph or any Moravian Women in Ministry member.

- The Antigua & Barbuda Group will host a trip to Orlando, FL from October 4 - 10, 2015. Flyers are available on the rack.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Desmond Gray	Feb. 3	Sis. Hilarine Scotland	Feb. 15
Sis. Athalia Morrissey	Feb. 3	Bro. Tralane Donovan	Feb. 16
Sis. Jasmine Aska	Feb. 3	Sis. Tracey S. Harvey	Feb. 22
Sis. Tiesha Adams	Feb. 3	Sis. Bernice King-Campbell	Feb. 23
Sis. Janet Aaron	Feb. 3	Sis. Yolanda Christopher	Feb. 23
Sis. Priya Smith	Feb. 4	Sis. Unique Shaw	Feb. 23
Sis. Hazel Hazel	Feb. 8	Bro. Oswald Steele	Feb. 24
Bro. Norris Hamilton	Feb. 8	Sis. Danielle Chambers	Feb. 25
Sis. Sonia Palmer	Feb. 9	Sis. Joyce McIntosh	Feb. 26
Bro. Tyrone A. Williams	Feb. 9	Sis. Millicent Hodge	Feb. 29
Sis. Vernice Abel	Feb.14		

## 2015 COMING EVENTS

Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service –Pastor
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Worship Service –Youth
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Service –Antigua & Barbuda Group
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Black History Celebration
<b>March</b>	
Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Service - Moravian Women in Ministry
Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service -Pastor
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Service –Men's Fellowship
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service –Youth
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Service –Jamaica Group

## UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 2015

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 756,874.00</b>
OFFERING	\$ 18,759.00	MONTHLY NEED	\$ 63,073.00
BUILDING FUND	2,106.00		
EMERGENCY FUND	263.00	2009 - 14 Prov. Bal.	\$ 249,270.00
CHURCH USE	1,580.00	2015 Prov. Balance	71,659.00
FUND RAISING	2,001.00	Bal. Due Province	<u>\$ 320,929.00</u>
MISCELLANEOUS	3,500.00		
	<u>\$ 28,209.00</u>		

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Administration	\$ 9,016.00
Bank Charge	101.00
Capital Improvement	500.00
Charitable Donation	1,250.00
Church Operation	12,622.00
Committees	2,632.00
Insurance	2,151.00
R. E. Taxes - Parish	
House	2,089.00
Pastoral Ministry	4,932.00
Payroll Tax Deposit,W/ H & EXPENSE	3,283.00
Worship and Music	3,230.00
Miscellaneous	2,705.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 44,511.00</u>
Net Surplus(Deficit)	<u>\$ (16,302.00)</u>



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**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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# Community and Calling

As disciples of Christ, we understand that we are empowered by the Spirit to carry on with the work that Jesus began during his earthly ministry. In the beginning of Mark's Gospel, we are stunned by the amount of activity in just a few short verses. If this is a model for our own ministry, then we get a clear picture that it will be busy! In today's reading, we get the idea that much of Jesus' ministry—and our own ministry—will be about healing.

Healing is challenging for us. Unless we are health-care professionals, trained to care for a person's physical or emotional well-being, we often feel at a loss to help. We send cards and offer prayers, but we fail to see our ministry beyond these actions.

When Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, he reminds us that healing goes beyond physical well-being. When Jesus heals her, her fever goes away. Even more, her community and sense of calling are restored. Her illness kept her from being a full part of her family and surrounding community. It also prevented her from living out her sense of purpose. Jesus' healing changes this.

As Christ's followers, how might our ministry of healing go beyond the physical? How might each of us be part of a team of healers, offering people hope when they feel at a loss to contribute within their communities, or lose their sense of purpose for life? You may not be able to cure a fever, but you may be able to remind someone of their value within your community of faith. You may not be able to restore someone's vision, but you may be able to help someone reimagine how God is calling them. In Jesus' understanding of healing, there is lots of work for every one of us.

*Melissa Johnson, pastor, Palmer Moravian Church,  
Easton, Pennsylvania*

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## The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2015



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