

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 9:5





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“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”

Watchword for the Week: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days in my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Psalm 23:6

Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

Call to Worship & Daily Text .. March 26, 2017

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Introit**

The Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn #566 “O Worship the King”**

Liturgy Lent 4

Rev. Nigel Powell

Delay not your conversion to the Lord, put it not off from day to day.

Let us search and examine our ways that we may return to the Lord.

(Sing)

If my people's hearts are humbled,
If they pray and seek my face,
If they turn away from evil,
I will not withhold my grace.
I will hear their prayers from heaven;
I will pardon every sin.
If my people's hearts are humbled,
I will surely heal their land

Then my eyes will see their sorrow,
then my ears will hear their plea;
if my people's hearts are humbled
I will set their nation free.
If my people's Hearts are humbled,
if they pray and seek my face;
If they turn away from evil,
I will not withhold my grace.

(Sitting)

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him. “Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips.” I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will

be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Your word, O Lord, endures forever; it is firm as the heavens. My soul weeps for sorrow; strengthen me according to your words. A lamp to my feet is your word, a light to my path.

(Sing)

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
So must we to others' call.
Long have I waited for your coming
Home to me and living deeply our new life.

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The kindness of God leads us to repentance.

Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow.

Cleanse me of sin that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

(Sing)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dark world's light;
Look unto me your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sin; and in that Light of life I'll
walk, till travelling days are done.

(Standing)

Our God acts not by caprice but by careful design. Thus all the important acts of salvation have followed a period of purification and preparation.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

Before the covenant with the human race was made to Noah, a period of rain separated the just from the unjust.

For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth.

Before the covenant was given on Mount Sinai, Moses underwent a period of preparation.

Moses passed into the midst of the cloud as he went up on the mountain; and there he stayed for forty days and forty nights.

Before the prophet Elijah could commune with God, he had to undergo a period of pilgrimage.

He got up, ate, and drank; then, strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God.

Before the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus experienced a period of testing in the desert.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Before his return to the Father, the risen Lord prepared the disciples for the church's mission.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking to them about the kingdom of God.

Now we are gathered to celebrate another period of forty days, a period of preparation whose goal is the glory of Easter.

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us; while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

Welcome & Announcements (*Please see printed items*) *Bro. Iva Grant*

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

***Greeting Hymn** **" I Am Blessed"**

Reception of New Members pg.173

Praise and Worship *The Praise and Worship Team*

Prayer of Intercession *The Prayer Warriors*

#1st Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *Bro. Matthew Walker*

2nd Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 *Sis. Telisha Campbell*

***Choral Response #846** **"Glory be to you, O Lord"**

***THE GOSPEL** John 9:1-41 *Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

***Choral Response #846** "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"

Worship Selection

The Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Hymn #344 TCH** "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus

*Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross

***Offertory Sentence**

"but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:20-21 NKJV)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Thank you for loving us so splendidly Jesus for you did not hesitate to die for us. We declare our love for you and joyfully offer our whole selves and our tithes into the service of your kingdom on earth. Amen

Tithes/Offertory Hymn #546 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

***Presentation of Tithes/Offerings**

***Ascription of Praise #815 "Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring"**

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #511 "The Church's One Foundation"**

Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

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

WELCOME

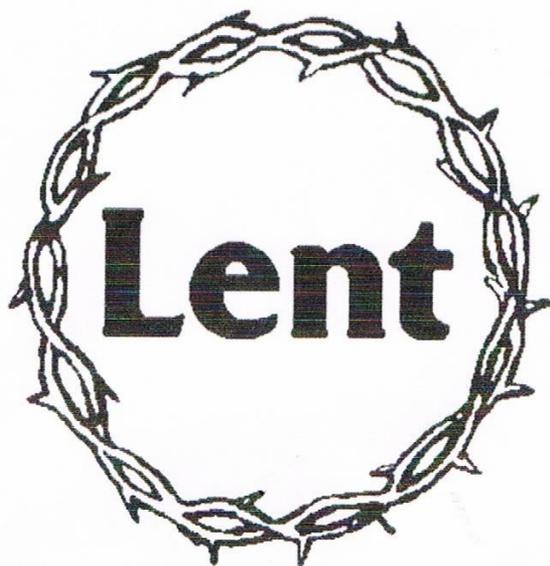
On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you 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. May God bless you.

Announcements March 26, 2017

- Due to the Lenten season, Bible Study sessions will resume on April 19th, after Easter.
- **Join us this Wednesday the 29nd for service at 7:00 pm. The Men's Fellowship will be the hosts.**
- **Today we will receive Bro. Ellington McKoy from Green Bay Moravian and Sis. Ta Sharae Solomon from Tremont Terrace Moravian as full communicant members.**
- **The Joint Board will meet tomorrow the 27th at 7:00 pm.**
- **The Board of Elders will meet this Tuesday the 28th at 6:30 pm.**
- The annual Unity Offering will be collected during worship on April 2, 2017. This year's Unity Offering has been designated for the 2017 Unity Mission Conference to be held in Cape Town, South Africa on November 15-20, 2017. The theme is: Moravian Unity in Mission: Giving Heed to God's Call in the 21st Century. Previous Unity Mission Conferences were the 1994 Mission Conference in Miami, Florida and the 2001 Mission Conference in Herrnhut, Germany. The aim is to gather worshipers from all over the Moravian Unity, who are active in the Christian mission. The goal: for the Church to come together for mutual inspiration, prayer and worship, for Learning and for identifying the way forward. Please give as generously as you can.
- The Board of Elders is seeking to dedicate one Sunday per month as Lay Sunday. This is a time when members of the laity will be invited to preach the sermon and lead the worship service. This Lay Sunday shall be on 4th Sunday's and is intended to begin in April. Please share your comments or questions with the Pastor or any Elder.
- Our Pastor is offering the option to receive white grape juice during Holy Communion. This is mostly for members who have been taking water instead of wine. Please let the Pastor or an Elder know if you would like this change.

- **Confirmation Class for children will begin soon. Please collect a Membership application and submit it to any Elder or the church office. The applications are on the rack.**
- **The All Islands Association is offering college students the opportunity to win the Hyacinth S. Peters Scholarship Award. The deadline this year is March 31st. Applicants, additional information and forms are on the rack. Please see Sis. Winnifred Farquharson if questions arise.**
- A few Daily Text books are left. Please see Bro. Eldridge Brown for a small paperback, priced at \$12.
- The next Lenten services are: 3/29 - Men's Fellowship, 4/5 - MWM
- The 2016 Giving Statements are available upon request. Please use the sign up sheet on the Trustees Office door, or see Sis. Trisha Simon or Sis. Yolanda Christopher for same day service. Thanks to your contributions, our ministry continues to be blessed.
- **C.A.R.D's concert at John Hus is today at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 & \$10 for adults and children respectively. Please see C.A.R.D. members, Sister Eldra Drew or Brothers Wendell Smith, Patrick Bernard & Melverton Newell for tickets.**
- The church needs volunteers to manage a Social Hour at least once a month after worship service. It is a time when we continue to enjoy being in the Lord's house, and sharing quality banter with our Brothers & Sisters. The sign up sheet is on the Narthex Board.
- On Saturday April 8th the Swetes Reunion Committee, Inc. will host their Annual Prayer Breakfast here at United. The theme this year is Healing & Restoration; the start time is 9:00 am. The day will include a list of dynamic speakers and musical selections. Donations are \$25. Please contact Bro. Oswald Steele or Bro. Stephen James Sr. for tickets.
- **On Saturday May 13th the YOU YAC members are hosting a Mother's Day Scholarship Banquet at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Proceeds from this event support the Benjamin Joseph Scholarship Fund. The latest recipients are 2015 & 2016 graduates. The affair is from 1:00 - 6:00 pm and tickets are \$75, per person. Please see any YOU/YAC member for tickets.**
- Members Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex for anyone who needs to replenish their supply.
- The first deposit of \$75 for the Busy Bees trip to Washington D.C is past due. They are going to the breathtaking new National Museum of African American History & Culture, May 26-29th. This is a destination people of color should eventually visit. Go with the Busy Bees. Flyers are on the rack.
- The Jamaica Group of United will host its Annual Night of Nostalgia on Saturday May 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm here in the Social Hall. Ms. Yvonne Puran (Chimmy Lady) and In-house talent will entertain the audience. Dona-

The Holy Season



The Solemn Season

Have you joined us for any of the Lenten services? Wednesday's @ 7:00 pm.

Holy Week services will be held on:

Palm Sunday service at 11:00 am

Mon. - April 10th @ 7:00 pm

Tues. - April 11th @ 7:00 pm

Wed. - April 12th @ 7:00 pm

Thurs. - April 13th @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 14th @ Noon

Easter Sunday - April 16th

8:00 & 11:00 am

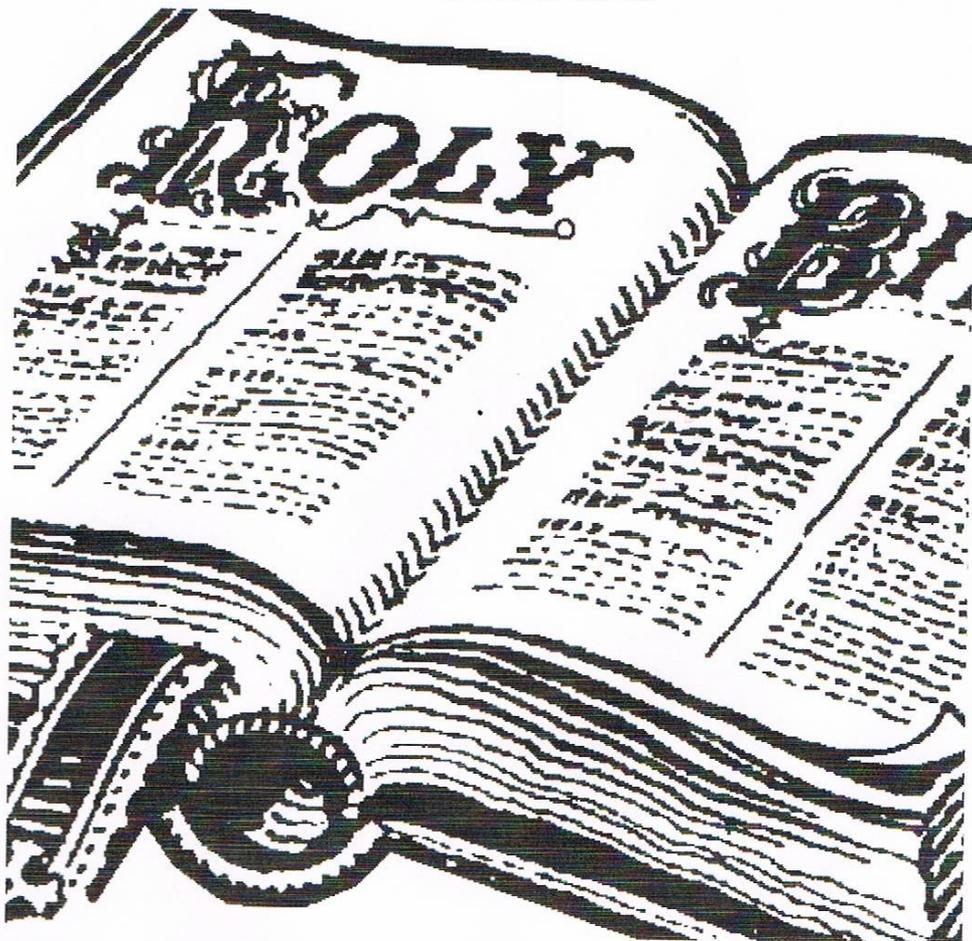
JOIN US DURING THE SEASON

Consuming Fire Ministries Intl. Inc.

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 6, 2017

9:00 am



Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Cheryl Barker

Donations: Adults \$20, Children \$12

Contact: Deaconess Rhonda Henry

Location:

9623 Avenue L Brooklyn, NY 11236

tions are: adults \$30 & children \$15. There will be finger licking food, music, fun, laughter, prizes and surprises. Please contact any Jamaica Group member for tickets.

- United's Men's Fellowship will host an Evening of Entertainment on Friday, June 16th at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Tickets are \$90, per person. Contact any Fellowship member for tickets. Flyers are also on the rack.
- You can check your blood pressure here at United in the new Medical Office, Br. Donovan's former room, on Sundays after church.

**The Jamaica Group of United Moravian Church
Presents Their
Annual Night of Nostalgia
Saturday May 20, 2017 @ 4:00 PM**



Delicious Finger-Licking Food



**Special Door Prize,
Lots of Music, Fun, Laughter & Entertainment
Surprises and Many, Many More !!!**

**Featuring Gospel
Comedienne
Ms. Yvonne Puran
(Chimmy Lady)**



MUSIC BY: DJ FACE

Ticket information: Adults: \$30 Children: \$15

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Saturday, May 13th, 2017 1:00 P.M.

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SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS
of our
YOUTHS

\$75.00

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Elaine Merchant	4	Bro. Rolston Dolphin	18
Bro. Jonathan Tripp	4	Bro. Matthew Walker	19
Bro. Jahir Williams	4	Sis. Maxine Powell	24
Sis. Glennette Edwards	9	Bro. Zaron Lumsden	25
Sis. Telisha Campbell	10	Bro. Iva Grant	26
Sis. Beverly Farquharson	11	Sis. Audrey Walker	26
Sis. Joyce Anderson	15	Bro. Marvin Nicholas Jr.	27
Sis. Primrose Samuel	15	Bro. Ernie Simpson	29
Bro. Shayne McKay	17	Sis. Alicia Allick-Goudie	29
Bro. Shomari Chinnery	17	Bro. Harold Manning	30
Bro. Whitfield Nicholas	17	Sis. Jade Simon	30
Sis. Henrietta Gumbs	18		

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 26	C.A.R.D. concert at John Hus TODAY @ 3:30 pm
Mar. 29	Lenten Service - Men's Fellowship @ 7:00 pm
Apr. 2	Worship Service
Apr. 5	Lenten Service-Moravian Women @ 7:00 pm
Apr. 9	Palm Sunday
	Holy Week
Apr. 10	Monday Service at 7:00 pm
Apr. 11	Tuesday Service at 7:00 pm
Apr. 12	Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
Apr. 13	Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
Apr. 14	Good Friday Service at NOON

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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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Seeing

You will read this passage about light just a few weeks after our clocks have been turned ahead one hour in most of the United States to observe Daylight Savings Time. This will bring more light to our evenings, so that many of us will enjoy an extra hour of sunlight to drive home from work, take a walk, or just to eat dinner with some sunlight in the sky! The effect of light upon our spirits and behavior is generally positive; as our days grow longer with more light, many of us find a sense of hope in the coming of spring.

Again, the ordinary element of light, essential for the survival of all different kinds of life on earth, is used by Jesus to demonstrate the extraordinary in our midst. His healing miracle brings light to one who was blind. Yet is it only physical sight, or is it only natural light, that we seek?

Jesus reminds his listeners that with all the light in the world, some of us are still not able to see. Is it ordinary sight of which he speaks? No, Jesus speaks of the extraordinary: the ability to see the Son of Man, God incarnate, with us now. And when we see that Jesus is with us, in the ordinary births, water, light, and deaths of our world, will we not live as if this life that we have been given is an extraordinary, blessed gift? Will we not see the blessings in the everyday? Daylight savings or not, may we be blessed with enough of the light of Christ to see the extraordinary blessings in our lives today.

*Janel Rice, pastor, Calvary Moravian Church,
Allentown, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017



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