



# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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

<u>Watchword for the Week</u>: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:5

Musical Prelude Bro. Fabio Alvarez

Introit: The Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

**Leader:** Open our eyes today, O Lord, and let us see what you see.

Response: Kumbaya, my Lord. Open our eyes.

Leader: Open our minds today, O Lord, and let us know the truth as you

know truth.

Response: Kumbaya, my Lord. Open our minds.

**Leader:** Open our hearts today, O Lord, and allow us to love as you love.

Response: Kumbaya, my Lord. Open our hearts.

\*Processional Hymn #719: "Be Thou My Vision"

\*Liturgy in Preparation for Holy Communion

**Leader:** O merciful and caring God, we call upon you to pour out your grace upon us this day. We look to you, O Lord, for strength, and acknowledge that we are lost and empty without you. Make your presence known to us as we wait upon you for your intervention in our lives this day. Lead us into deeper communion with you, and help us to trust you in every way, O glorious King. **Response:** With open and grateful hearts, we wait for you. Come, Lord Jesus. come.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd; and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Leader:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

**Leader:** God who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the prophets has in these last days spoken to us by his Son. And this is the word we have from him: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Leader:** And the second is like it: "'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

**Leader:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great mercy you have promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us this day. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## \*Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon you, says the Lord your Redeemer, and I will not remember your sins.

Response: Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.

\*Hymn #506: "Holy Lord, Holy Lord"

Daily Texts for Sunday, October 6, 2019

Sis. Iris Joseph

**Welcome:** Welcome to this gathering of the family of God on this World Communion Sunday. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship to all who are present. "Ho, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters," and drink from the well supplied by God, that never shall run dry. (*Identification of visitors*). Those who are visiting with us today who are a part of the family of God are invited to share with us at the Lord's Table.

## Celebrations, Anniversaries & Birthdays etc.

<u>Hymn # 447</u> (Persons with anniversaries & birthdays are invited to stand as we sing)

• The Intercessory Prayer Line is available every Monday at 8:00 pm. To join the group call 712-770-8096, code 998507 at that time.

- All members are expected to attend Bible Study sessions held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.
- We want to acknowledge Sis. Gwendolyn Williams' family who is visiting to celebrate her birthday. Sis, we wish you abundant blessings.
- Sis. Williams family continues the celebration and is sponsoring the social hour. All are invited to join them.
- On Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> our Sis. Jannette Abel lost her uncle Wilfredo McKoy, a resident of Red Hills, Jamaica. The United church extends sincere condolences to the family.
- Christian Action For Renewal And Development (C.A.R.D.) will be having its 19<sup>th</sup> annual awards and fund raising banquet on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Antun's Caterers Donation \$100 per person. The honorees this year will be Rev. Charles Harewood, Rev. Nigel Powell, and Bro. Winston Peart for their contributions to the organization. Tickets are available from any C.A.R.D member.
- Saturday Nov. 9 will be Fall Clean Up Day. A dumpster will be on the premises. Group leaders need to identify items in their stored areas that need to be discarded and begin sorting before this date.
- Please save the date. The United Annual Gala will take place on Friday, Dec. 13 at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Donations are \$100, per person. Read the ad, or get a flyer from the rack for more information.

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Offertory Invitation (Unison): Through our gifts we are given an opportunity to move beyond the "talk about God," and to show our devotion to God in a tangible way.

Offertory Hymn #722: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

\*Offertory Response Hymn #817: "Praise God..."

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison): These gifts we offer today are but tokens of our gratitude. They are reminders to us that you, O God, are Giver and Sustainer of all life. We ask that you receive these gifts as promises from us of a deeper commitment of our total selves. Amen.

Children's Address:

Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparatory Song #64 (TCB): "Change my Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 37:1-9 Sis. Athalia Morrissey

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Responsive): II Timothy 1:1-14 Sis. Trudy Steele

\*Ascription of Praise #846: "Glory be to you, O Lord"

\*Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10 Bro. Eldridge Brown

\*Ascription of Praise #846: "Glory be to you, O Lord"

**Selection:** The Chancel Choir

**Sermon**: "Fret Not" Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

Hymn of Response #712: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**Pastoral Prayer:** Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne

\*Holy Communion in Celebration of the Atonement p. 196

\*Recessional Hymn #732: "In Heav'nly Love Abiding"

Musical Postlude Bro. Fabio Alvarez



Sis. Gwen Williams' birthday is marked with flowers from her brother.

Emiel Henry & the family.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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Sharik Potter	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Moretta Steele	19 <sup>th</sup>
Shanice Gainey	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winnifred Farquharson	20 <sup>th</sup>
Gwendolyn Williams	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilerene Daniel	20 <sup>th</sup>
Ethel Robinson	12 <sup>th</sup>	Anna-Kay Grant	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kadeem Simpson	17 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Powell	29 <sup>th</sup>
Mozell James	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tesean Hamm	31st
Diamond Greaux	17 <sup>th</sup>	Anderson McCarthy	31st
Danika Chambers	18 <sup>th</sup>		

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## COMING EVENTS

Youth Ministries Weekend - Thur. to Mon. Oct 10-14th

C.A.R.D Banquet—Fri. Oct. 25th

All Saints Service—Sun. Nov. 3rd

Clean Up Day - Sat. Nov. 9th

Harvest Service - Sun. Nov. 24th

UMC Annual Gala - Fri. Dec. 13th

United Prayer Watch - Sat. Dec. 21st

The United Youth Ministries embark on their trip to Canada this Thursday10<sup>th</sup>, returning on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>.



We pray for their safe travel & uplifting experiences.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

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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						
Main points to remember						
1	•••					
2	••					
Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:						
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2						
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# **Faith Provides Potential**

The object lesson of the mustard seed (Luke 17:5-6) is about potential. The King James Version gets it right by translating the Greek to read "faith *as* a mustard seed." Words such as "small" or "big" or "size" do not appear in the Greek original.

Jesus is saying that if we have faith like a mustard seed, that is, with the potential such as demonstrated by the mustard seed, then we will be amazed at what takes place. The little becomes great, the weak becomes strong, the fearful becomes bold, the divided are unified, and the daunting challenges are diminished and overcome.

As I write this in preparation for World Communion Sunday, I am also reading about the struggle of the United Methodist Church, at its 2019 General Conference, in making decisions regarding the church and LGBT issues. Their struggle is also our struggle.

At the same time, I read of the way Japan created, in the midst of the sea, an island, on which they built the Kansai International Airport. The engineers undertook what seemed to be a ridiculous proposal and made it happen. They literally scooped up a mountain and cast it into the sea.

The object lesson is saying to us that with a mustard seed-like faith, challenges can be faced successfully and dreams become reality. The teaching is that faith provides potential to make things happen or come into being. If ever that which faces us seems overwhelming, we are called to meditate again on the lesson of the mustard seed and to pray to our Lord, the prayer of the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith."

George Richmond, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, retired pastor

# The Moravian Church

**World Communion Sunday** October 6, 2019

