

An illustration of three people reading books in a room. A man in a green shirt and a woman in a green top are seated, both holding and reading red books. A woman in a yellow top and red skirt stands to the left, also reading a red book. In the foreground, a red circular table holds an open book with handwritten text and two lit candles. The background features a window with a bright yellow sky, a white bird perched on a branch, and a framed picture on the wall.

Continue
in my Word

JOHN 8:31



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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: Jesus says, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:14

Musical Prelude:

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

Introit:

The Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Bless our Lord, you saints of God.

Response: May the sound of our praise be heard by our God.

Leader: God has kept us in the land of the living, and we are grateful.

Response: In humility, we raise our sincere prayers and praise for God's merciful kindness

***Processional Hymn # 548: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

***A Litany for Transforming Relationships** (*Let us Pray*)

God of wisdom and care, we pray to you for all whom you call to share in the work of transforming the world so that girls and boys, women and men, may live, work and learn together with respect and dignity.

For maternal and children's health workers and advocates for girls' education,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For law-makers policy-makers and lobby groups, shaping structures that protect and promote women's wellbeing,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For marriage counsellors and relationship educators, developing healthy partnerships and good parenting skills,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For religious leaders and communities of faith, shaping beliefs about the

worth of women and girls,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For women in business, industry, politics and education, leading by example and providing role models,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For police and community workers sifting through the damage done by domestic violence.

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For prison chaplains and restorative justice programs, giving hope where violence has shattered many lives,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For counsellors and social workers offering a new start for survivors of domestic violence.

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For women's refuges and men's support groups creating safe spaces for problems to be named and tackled,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For campaigners against human trafficking and the sex trade, pricking the conscience of complacent societies.

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For organizations, programs and individuals offering support to survivors of rape and sexual abuse,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For specialized care for traumatized children bringing healing and hope for a life beyond suffering,

Living God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, O God, for you will take no rest from your work of healing until you have wiped away the tears from every face,

Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Holy God, we confess to you our collusion with the habits of violence in our culture: our silence... our fears... our complicity in the violence suffered by women and children.

Forgive us, we pray, and give us grace to stand up and be counted with those who bear witness to the truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Receive God's forgiveness, and by the power of the Spirit take up your calling to be advocates for change, agents of healing and messengers of

hope, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Daily Texts for Sunday, October 27, 2019

Bro. Patrick Smith

Welcome: We welcome one and all to this place of praise, prayer, lament, and joy. We gather as part of the family of God on this first Provincial Prayer Day to address Violence Against Women. It is our hope that when we leave this place today, we will bear the message of God's hope, love, and salvation on our lips and in our hearts. If you are visiting, we invite you now to introduce yourself to the congregation. (*Identification of visitors*).

Celebrations, Anniversaries & Birthdays etc.

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

Announcements:

Bro. Patrick Smith

- 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.
- **The Moravian Women will have a meeting right after worship.**
- **Sis. Ernestine Harris extends a gracious thank you to all who reached out while she grieved the passing of her sibling, Angela Browne, on Oct. 4 in St. Croix. United offers Sis. Ernestine & family hugs, compassion, prayers, and safe travel during this difficult time.**
- **The New York offices of the Antigua/Barbuda Government will hold an independence service at Salem United Methodist Church today at 4:00 pm. The location is 2190 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd, and all are invited.**
- **The Beulah Wesleyan Methodist Church is inviting us to the 106th Anniversary Festival of Choirs at 3:30 pm. Location is 219-223 W. 136th St.**
- **Sisters Bernalyn Jones Clarke and Angela Ephraim recently underwent surgery and are recuperating at their homes. We pray for their speedy recovery.**
- **One of our Sisters is seeking a job to do light house work and laundry duties. If you, or someone you know, can assist in this regard, please contact the Church Office for further information.**
- **Next Sunday is our annual All Saints service. As well, the NYC Marathon will take place, and daylight savings time begins. Please plan accordingly.**
- The YAC is now recruiting new members for the United steel Orchestra. Please educate your young people about the history of the steel pan and invite them to join the group. Older members are also welcome. Practice is generally held on Friday evenings. Please contact Sister Claire Martin-McKay or any member of the YAC if you are interested.
- **2020 PLANNING AND CLEAN UP DAY IS IN TWO WEEKS, SATURDAY NOV. 9! A dumpster will be on the premises. Groups/committees should iden-**

tify items in their stored areas that need to be discarded and begin sorting before this date. All the leaders of groups & committees will meet during the lunchbreak that day to plan the main events for 2020.

- **Save the dates:** 1) Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on November 24. Please plan to make this a special day unto the Lord. 2) **The Our Annual Gala will be on Friday, Dec. 13 at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Donations are \$100 per person. Flyers are on the rack with more information.**

Passing the Peace of Christ: People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see. As people of God then let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

***Greeting Song #582: "If You Live Right"**

1) If you live right, **heaven belongs to you,**
If you live right, **heaven belongs to you,**
If you live right, **heaven belongs to you,**
All: O, heaven belongs to you.

2) If you walk right... 3) If you talk right...
4) If you pray right... 5) Treat your neighbor right...

Song of Praise:

The Praise Team

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Invitation (Unison): Through the gift of our lives we can become reconciled with God and live as God's disciples in a troubled world. Our prayers and our personal efforts will accompany our financial gifts because, by so doing, we choose to become positive forces for love and understanding.

Offertory Hymn #607:

I Am Thine, O Lord

***Offertory Response #817: Praise God...**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison):** These gifts we offer today are but tokens of our gratitude, dear Lord. They are reminders to us that you are the 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.

Selection:

Sis. Vida Hamm

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Reading (Responsive):

Psalm 84: 1-7

Bro. Tesean Hamm

2nd Reading:

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Sis. Inez Atkinson

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

***Gospel Reading:**

Luke 18: 9-14

Sis. Iris Joseph

***Ascription of Praise #846: Praise, Praise, Praise...**

Sunday School Song #176 : "To Be Like Jesus"

(All Sunday School students & staff will stand and sing once & then depart for classes)

To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me;
In every thought and deed, this is my aim and creed.
To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me;
The Spirit's helping me, like Him I'll be.

Selection:

The Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Only God's Grace"

Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

***Hymn of Response: "A Pharisee Was Praying" (Tune: Aurelia, 76.76. D)**

(Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2013) (Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864)

**1. A Pharisee was praying; he proudly stood alone;
"God thank you that I'm better than others I have known."**

**He saw the faults of others, yet in that holy place,
He missed the joy and wonder of God's amazing grace.**

**2. Far off in that same temple, a tax collector stood,
He knew he was a sinner; he knew that God is good.**

**"Have mercy, God, upon me!" the tax collector cried.
He left the place of worship forgiven, justified.**

**3. O God of love, forgive us when we look all around
And think that, by our actions, we stand on solid ground;
We pray, "See how we serve you! We work and volunteer!
Aren't we the ones whose giving builds up your kingdom here?"**

**4. May we, your church, be humble in serving you each day,
For pride will never help us to walk your kingdom way.
May we know your forgiveness, our need for mercy too,
That loved and loving others, our life may be in you.**

***Benediction:** God bless you with insight to recognize violence in all its forms, and courage to name it, speaking out for justice. **Amen.**

The Lord Jesus bless you with compassion for the vulnerable, and grace to stand with them, sharing his strength. Amen.

The Holy Spirit bless you with a prayerful heart, and power to breathe peace, transforming the world. **Amen.**

The blessing of the holy and glorious Trinity, eternal Wisdom, living Word,

abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

***Recessional Hymn #783: Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound**

Musical Postlude:

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

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COMING EVENTS

All Saints Service—Sun. Nov. 3rd

NYC Marathon & Daylight Savings Time - 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

CLEAN UP DAY

SAT. NOV. 9TH

IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS!

PLEASE BE READY TO

TOSS OUT



ITEMS

NO LONGER NEEDED!!



**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

	2019 Budget	\$ 581,100.00
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Monthly Need	\$ 48,425.00
Offering	\$ 24,623.00	
Church Use	5,445.00	
Pledge	100.00	
Groups Donation	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	5,235.00	
Annual Picnic	105.00	
Anniversary Concert	1,320.00	
YOU/YAC	2,480.00	
Hurricane Dorian Donation	1,439.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 42,247.00</u>	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Administration	\$ 7,400.00	
Church Operation	14,362.00	
Christian Education	992.00	
Committees	600.00	
Insurance	2,338.00	
MT Sinai PPS	278.00	
Pastoral Ministry	2,454.00	
Parsonage	770.00	
Payroll Taxes	1,057.00	
Payroll Expense	7.00	
Provincial Assessment	1,059.00	
YOU/YAC	8,750.00	
Worship and Music	2,150.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 42,217.00</u>	
Net Surplus(Deficit)	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	

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**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
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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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OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

Praying in Public

Today's passage has Jesus telling the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee, full of his own perceived goodness in the sight of the law, was shown at a great disadvantage. The tax collector, understanding the level of his sin, prayed for mercy. Jesus cautioned that all who exalt themselves will be humbled and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

One Sunday, after the congregation had just finished saying a prayer of confession, a young man sitting next to me in choir asked, "Why is this prayer so awful? I don't think I'm that bad." I suggested that the prayer may seem to be a bit over the top because sin is so insidious. He asked what that meant. I said that we cannot avoid sin, "For example: do you know where your blue shirt was made? Are you sure it was not made in some sweatshop in Asia? What about driving five or more miles faster than the posted speed limit because you didn't want to be late for Sunday school?"

He asked incredulously, "You know about that?" "I've done it myself. We think it's okay because it seems like a good reason. This is the slippery slope into sin, usually when we provide our own understanding to our thoughts and actions. We ask for God's forgiveness because we cannot avoid sin completely." Every time we say a prayer of confession, I think of this person and his question.

Jesus wants us to be genuinely humble, understanding that without Jesus' death and resurrection, without the grace of God, we would be totally lost to sin. My personal pattern for prayer is this: Praise God, thanksgiving, confession, request, and praise God again.

*Martha E. Griffis, Central Moravian Church,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019



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