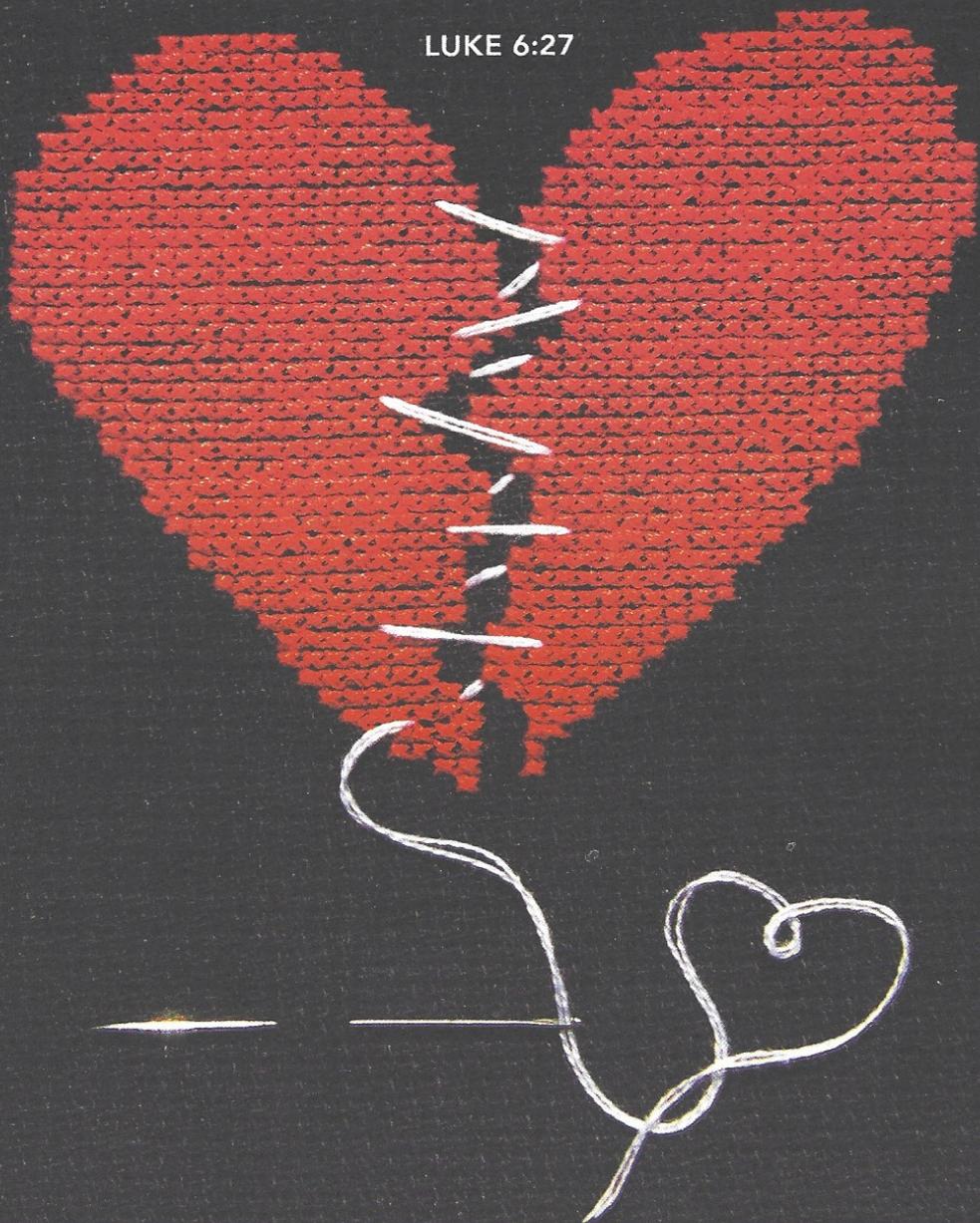


Love your enemies

LUKE 6:27





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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 said, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36

****Means stand if you are able***

Organ Prelude

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

***Call to Worship:**

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

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

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Joseph wept when he revealed himself to his brothers, who had sold him into slavery.

Response: When we reveal ourselves to others, we sometimes feel fear.

Leader: God sent Joseph to his brothers to preserve life in Egypt.

Response: God gives us uncommon grace and sends us each day to preserve God's creation.

Leader: God made Joseph, a slave, the lord of all Egypt; and Joseph provided for the people during famine.

Response: God provides for us in ways we sometimes don't even realize and equips us for uncommon living.

Leader: Hallelujah! Our God works to bring good from evil.

People: We praise God, producer of all things good!

***Introit**

The Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn #519: "Come, Let Us All with Gladness Raise"**

***Liturgy for Black History Month**

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

(Adapted from the AAHH)

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to understand the world in which we live. There are conflicting views of how we ought to live; each one beckoning us to follow and making

a claim on our lives. O God, help us to look to you as we listen and accept your word to us this day. In your mercy, convince us that your Son Jesus Christ is the true pattern for our lives. Teach us to know that his words are the truth and that if we listen to him, our lives can become what you desire them to be.

Response: We humbly turn to you for your guidance today, O Lord.

Leader: Oh God, as we pause to remember today, we know that you have heard the anguished cries of our ancestors. Their sounds echo and penetrate time to remind us of our fore parents who were captured from their African homelands and forcibly enslaved in this and other distant realms.

Response: "Stony the road we trod"

Leader: El Roi, the God who Sees, you have taken note of the millions of bodies of our ancestors buried beneath the waves, and those that have become one with the earth of this and other lands. We know that you have seen the countless attempts to demean them and control their destiny.

Response: "Bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died."

Leader: God of Justice, you have ignited the sparks within us into a blazing demand for freedom, equality and justice. So many in these United States, the Caribbean, and elsewhere in the Diaspora, have fought tirelessly, and died, in order to keep this spark ablaze.

Response: "Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed?"

Leader: Merciful God, you have seen our tears and have been pained by the evil that continues in human hearts. Yet, we know that in your boundless wisdom and love, this is the reason you sent your only Son to identify with the outcast, marginalized, and rejected in every place.

Response: "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears."

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for our fore-parents who dared to dream that one day, their children and grandchildren could become leaders and take their place at the tables in the lands of their oppressors.

Response: *“Lest our feet stray from the places our God, where we met Thee.”*

Leader: The hard work of our mothers and fathers, their courage, their convictions, and their belief in you, paved the way for our emancipation and education. It is clear, O God, that you have liberated us from the bonds of the oppressors. Yet in our day, we still yearn for your work of liberation to continue. Hasten the day when we shall be freed from mental slavery, which imprisons our lives and binds our future to underachievement and defacement of your image in us. Hear our cry, Great Liberator!

Response: *“Lest our hearts drunk with wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand. True to our God and true to our native land.”*

Hymn # 490 (AAHH) vv. 1 & 2: “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

(Congregation sits)

Leader: O Holy One, heal our hearts of the pain caused by racism. Work within each of us to heal our world, our communities, and our lives; that children in the future will grow up in a world unscathed and untouched by this sin.

Response: O God, make us more holy, make us more holy.

Leader: God of all that is, we praise you this morning, lifting up our voices in thanksgiving for the lives of all persons of African ancestry:

Who have led our nation;

Who have stood up to injustice;

Who have pointed the way to freedom;

Who honor you through the arts;

Who have made great discoveries in the sciences;

Who have celebrated the gifts of life and the wonders of your creation.

Response: Thank you for their gifts to your creation, our Savior and Lord.

Leader: O God, we praise you today for the hope and inspiration that you continue to give to all oppressed people across the world. Give us the resources to join hands and hearts with those who continue to strive for equal rights.

Response: Thank you, Lord God, for you have brought us all from a mighty long way, a mighty long way.

Leader: Almighty God, empower and guide us to be voices of justice, of hope, and of peace in our world.

Response: Keep our minds stayed on Jesus and make us your living examples of love to all your creation. Amen!

Hymn # 542 vv. 1-3, 5 (AAHH): "We Shall Overcome"

1. We shall overcome (x 2)

We shall overcome someday

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

We shall overcome someday.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, (x 2)

We'll walk hand in hand someday

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

We'll walk hand in hand someday.

3. We shall live in peace, (x 2) / We shall live in peace someday

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe/ We shall overcome someday

4. God will see us through (x 2)
God will see us through someday
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday.

Moravian Daily Texts Reading for February 24, 2019

Sis. Goldine Nicholas

Welcome: Centuries ago, a saint said, "A Sunday without worship is like a day without the sun." It is with joy, then, that we gather in the Lord's house to express our love and reverence to God. And it is with joy that we welcome all who have come to praise our Creator. (*Identification of visitors*)

Celebrations: Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.

Hymn # 447 (Persons celebrating are invited to remain standing)

Announcements

Sis. Goldine Nicholas

- 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. There is power in abundant prayer!!!
- We meet for Bible Study on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm. All are invited to share.
- **There will be a presentation on mental health given by United's CHA team today. Psychiatrist Dr. Gloria J. Rodriguez is here as well to answer questions.**
- **Counseling and preparation for Infant Baptism will be this Friday, March 1st at 6:30 pm in the Assistant Minister's Office. Application forms are available on the rack. Hand these in today for consideration for the March 10th baptism.**
- **Confirmation classes are being held on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Assistant Minister's Office. Persons interested in becoming members of this congregation need to fill out a membership application and return it to an Elder.**
- **All are invited to Grace Moravian's Annual Prayer Breakfast on Sat. March 2nd at 9:30 am. The theme is "Open Hearts...Open Hands" A love offering to support mission projects is being requested in lieu of admission.**
- **As well, Tremont Terrace is hosting their annual Youth Prayer Breakfast on the 2nd at 9:00 am. Donations are \$20. Flyers for both events are on the rack.**
- **Attention high school juniors and seniors; save this date, Sat. March 9. C.A.R.D. is planning a workshop that will provide valuable information on preparing for future endeavors. More information will follow.**
- **The metropolitan youth service will be held at Grace Moravian church on Sunday, March 10 at 11 AM. Our youths will participate in that service.**
- **Mark the date, May 4th, and then contact a member of the Antigua/Barbuda group for a ticket to their Spring Fling. Plan now, enjoy later. Donations are \$40 & \$20. Flyers are on the rack with more information.**

- The Y.O.U pre-Mothers Day scholarship luncheon is on Saturday May 11th at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Donations are \$75, per person. The event starts at 1:00 pm.
- Lent is approaching. The list of service times & Coming Events is on page 11.

Passing the Peace of Christ: In meeting Christ, we become new creations. As we share the peace of Christ with each other, let us remind each other of how we ought to live!

***Greeting Song :** **“If You Live Right”**
(African American Heritage Hymnal)

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...

***Praise Session:** *The Praise Team*

Sunday School Song # 176 (Master Chorus Book): **“To Be Like Jesus”**
(Sunday School Staff & Students will stand and sing once before departing for classes)

To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me.
In every thought and deed, this is my aim, my creed:
To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me.
His Spirit helping me, like Him I'll be.

Ministry of the Word:

1st Reading (Responsive): **Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40** *Sis. Nahzari Christopher*

2nd Reading: **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** *Bro. Oswald Steele*

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

***Gospel Reading:** **Luke 6:27-38** *Sis. Blondel Jones Grant*

***Choral Response #846:** **“Praise, praise, praise...”**

Selection: *The Chancel Choir*

Sermon: “Uncommon Living” *Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

***Hymn of Response #751:** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory Invitation (Unison): God’s Kingdom cannot be possessed by flesh and blood, nor purchased with silver and gold. But we can serve God with all that we are, and all that we have. May God’s enabling Spirit inspire us now to surrender our all to God.

Offertory Hymn #538: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

***Offertory Response #817:** “Praise God from Whom...”

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):** Merciful God, all the grain in our storehouses belongs to you. It is only through your power that we are able to return to you, as our offering, some of that grain to help preserve your creation. Receive it with our whole lives and equip us for your service, dear Lord. Amen.

MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Benediction: May God’s loving guidance teach you to trust that good can come from every situation. Go from this place with confidence, knowing that God is working through you for goodness. Go with grace and the strength of God’s Holy Spirit sustaining you. Go forth to live the extraordinary life expected from all God’s children. Amen

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

Musical Postlude:

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

February Birthdays

Bro. Desmond Gray	Feb. 3	Sis. Tracye S. Harvey	Feb. 22
Sis. Athalia Morrisey	Feb. 3	Bro. Carle Birch	Feb. 22
Sis. Jasmine Aska	Feb. 3	Sis. Carol James	Feb. 22
Sis. Tiesha Adams	Feb. 3	Sis. Bernice King-Campbell	Feb. 23
Sis. Priya Smith	Feb. 4	Sis. Yolanda Christopher	Feb. 23
Sis. Hazel Hazel	Feb. 8	Sis. Unique Shaw	Feb. 23
Bro. Norris Hamilton	Feb. 8	Bro. Oswald Steele	Feb. 24
Sis. Sonia Palmer	Feb. 9	Sis. Melsadis Dolphin	Feb. 24
Bro. Tyrone A. Williams	Feb. 9	Sis. Danielle Chambers	Feb. 25
Sis. Hilarine Scotland	Feb. 15	Bro. Oral Solomon	Feb. 26
Bro. Tralane Donovan	Feb. 16	Sis. Millicent Hodge	Feb. 29
Nevaeh Nicholas	Feb. 19	Sis. Nevaeh Campbell	Feb. 29

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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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Coming Events

* **Ash Wednesday Service - March 6th @ 7:00 pm**

Wednesday services @ 7:00 pm every week until April 10th

* C.A.R.D’s high school students workshop -Sat. March 9th

* C.A.R.D. Lenten Concert @ John Hus Sun. Mar. 31 at 3:30 pm

* Palm Sunday– April 14th

Passion Week Services from Mon. Apr. 15-Thurs Apr. 18th

* Good Friday Service -April 19th @ Noon

* Easter service at 8:00 am on Sun. April 21st

* Easter service at 11:00 am on Sun. April 21st



The Deepest Magic

My days are spent doing good to others: pretending to be a wizard wielding powerful wands with our six-year-old daughter, giving words of affirmation to my poet spouse, encouraging the “at risk” high school interns who work in our café, feeding neighbors tasty and nutritious meals in a safe, warm space. Though this work is indeed good, it can sometimes be exhausting.

So, for Jesus to advise his followers to *also* do good “to those who hate you,” to bless “those who curse you,” and to pray for “those who abuse you” seems *extra* daunting. Sometime I don’t think I even have enough goodness, blessing, and prayers to go around to those who are kind to me! These expectations for God-followers are highly absurd.

Yet this absurdity is our high calling: to do the preposterous, the unimaginable, to show love for enemies, to act kindly toward our attackers, our backbiters, and those who don’t even know they’re being jerks. This is where we participate in *real* magic!

To wish peace to the one who calls us hurtful names sets *us* free from the chains with which they are trying to shackle us. To walk away from relationship with the one who has abused us in body and spirit sets *us* free from the lie that we deserve to be treated badly. To be kind to those who are ungrateful for our goodness and gifts, and to be merciful to those who act wickedly toward us and our loved ones requires the deepest magic of all: love.

Practicing love for enemies and a non-judgmental posture brings brightness to a world that is steeped in hopelessness and gloom. Our ability to forgive quickly, lend generously, and love lavishly (even those we perceive as “enemies”) stands out in a world that seems sometimes incessantly lightless. This is the magic we are called to practice, because we are living for Jesus, the light of the world.

*Christie Melby-Gibbons, Moravian pastor, founder, Tricklebee Café,
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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

