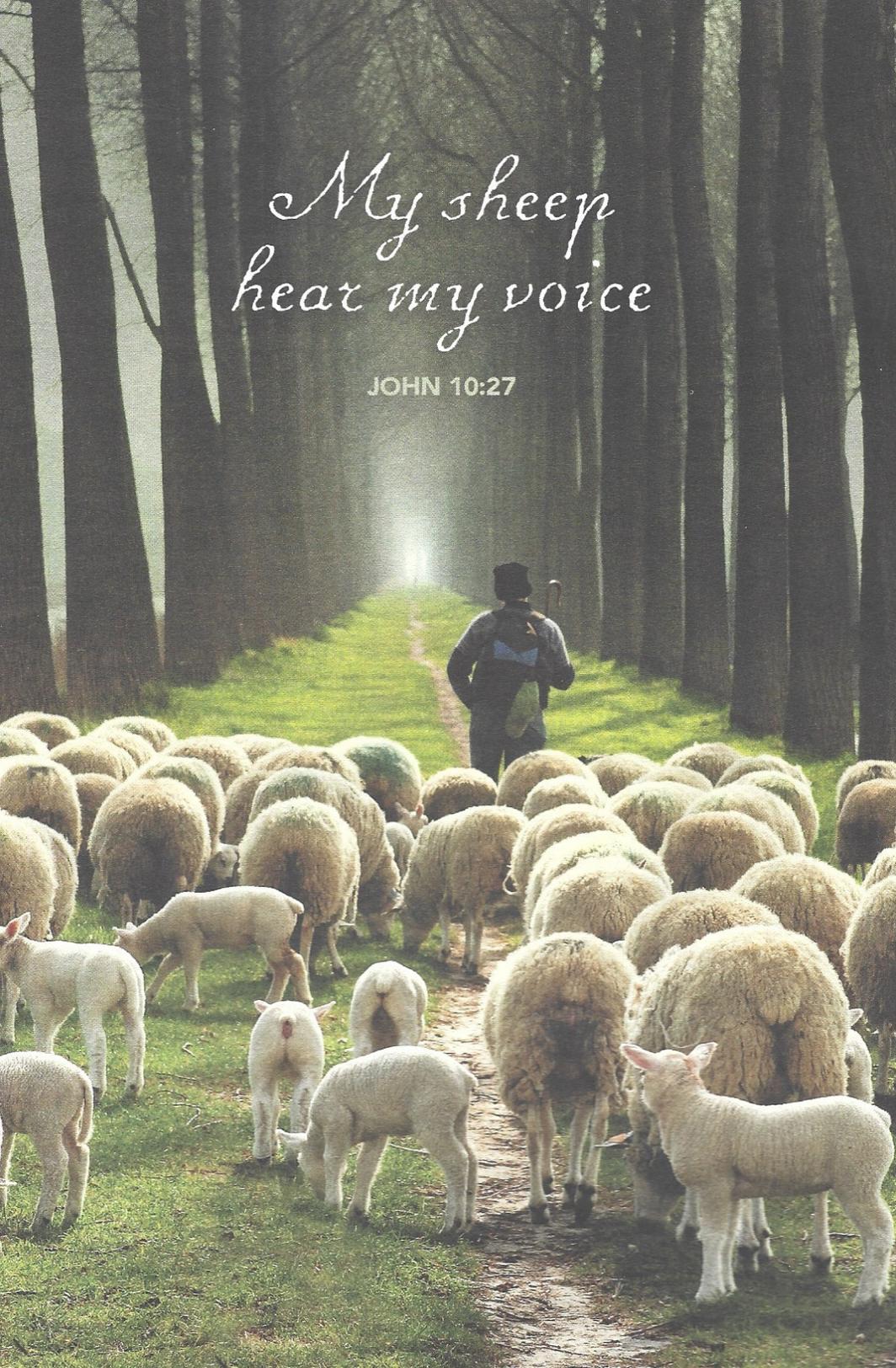


*My sheep
hear my voice*

JOHN 10:27





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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:: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! **Revelation 7:10**

Those who are able please stand (*)

Musical Prelude

Bro. Fabio Alvarez

Introit:

The Chancel Choir

***Call to Order:**

Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne

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

Response: And also with you.

Leader: See what love our Creator has given us.

Response: We are called God’s own children

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s own children right now, and

Response: What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Leader: Let your love grow in us, loving Lord,

Response: That we might grow into your likeness.

***Processional Hymn # 401: “Heart With Loving Heart United”**

***Liturgy for Mothers:** (Adapted from the AAHH & *Sing to the Lord a New Song: A New Moravian Songbook*)

Leader: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be

pleased to be called our mothers.

Response: *Our mothers give us life and love and hold our families together. Amid changing family structures, we remember mothers young and old, single mothers, homeless mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and women who mother but who have never borne a child.*

Leader: We pray today for all mothers who suffer due to unemployment, insufficient housing and poor healthcare. Heal these women, Lord, as they have often experienced mistreatment and witnessed the harsh abuse of their children, siblings and parents. All-knowing God who sees and helps to bear the pains and disappointments of every mother, we ask that you extend to them comfort and strength, relief and justice.

Response: *Divine Nurturer, fortify our mothers. Continue to make them a refuge in the time of trouble.*

Leader: We pray for mothers and their children, as violent crimes and drug abuse conspire to tear the fiber of many families.

Response: *We pray today for black mothers of old who have bent their backs cleaning homes, picking cotton and working by the sweat of their brow. We thank you for them, for their determination, and their belief that education is a door to liberation and success.*

Leader: God, empower all our mothers to enrich the lives of their families. Aid them, as they teach their sons and daughters determination, and the value of investing in the future.

Response: *Mothers across the generations have been activists and leaders, teaching us how to live, and laboring to make our communities better.*

Leader: Today, we remember Rosa Parks who birthed a bus boycott, and others like Shirley Chisholm who blazed the trail to high public office for black women. We also remember poet and writer Frances E. W. Harper who birthed a crusade against lynching during the Reconstruction era.

Response: *We celebrate mothers who are homemakers, educators, authors and pastors, who formulate ideas, expend creative energy and inspire young people to become leaders; who teach, write, or preach the truth, and who open the minds of children to limitless possibilities.*

Hymn # 643 (BH) v. 1: "Lord of Life and King of Glory" (Tune # 751)

Lord of life and King of glory,
Who didst deign a child to be,
Cradled on a mother's bosom,
Throned upon a mother's knee:
For the children you have given
We must answer unto you!
We must answer unto you!

Leader: We beseech you, O Lord to hear us as we pray:

For older mothers whose children are grown;

Response: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

Leader: For new mothers experiencing changes they could not predict;

Response: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Leader: For pregnant women who will soon give birth;

Response: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

Leader: For mothers who face the demands of single parenthood;

Response: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Leader: For mothers who enjoy financial abundance;

Response: Grant them time to share with their families.

Leader: For step-mothers and adoptive mothers;

Response: Grant them patience, understanding, and love.

Leader: For mothers who are separated from their children;

Response: Grant them faith and hope.

Leader: For moms in marriages that are in crisis;

Response: Grant them support and insight.

Leader: For moms who are grieving the loss of their children;

Response: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: For mothers who aborted their children;

Response: Grant them healing, peace and the assurance of you love.

Leader: For mothers who gave up their children for adoption;

Response: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

Leader: For girls and women who are thinking about becoming mothers some day;

Response: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

Leader: For those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year;

Response: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Leader: Because our mothers taught us that "the Lord will make a way out of no way", we have the inheritance of a powerful spiritual legacy. May our mothers constantly receive our garlands of gratitude and honor.

Response: Kind and gentle Savior, ever bless them.

(All women and girls will remain standing for the following prayer of blessing)

Leader: Lord, we thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers and women in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Dorcas, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples (*the congregation will name these women . . .*). We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say “yes” to your calling. Give courage to these women gathered here today that they will be examples of faithful service and models of what it means to be your disciples. Bless us all on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

***(Women & Girls Only)**

Hymn # 643 (BH vv. 2-5): “Lord of Life and King of Glory” (Tune # 751)

2. Since the day the blessed mother
You, the world’s Redeemer, bore,
You have crowned us with an honor
Women never knew before;
And that we may bear it humbly,
We must seek your aid the more.
3. Grant us, then, pure hearts and patient,
That in all we do or say
Little souls our deeds may copy,
And be never led astray;
Little feet our steps may follow
In a safe and narrow way.
4. When our growing sons and daughters
Look on life with eager eyes,
Grant us then a deeper insight
And new powers of sacrifice:
Hope to trust them, faith to guide them,
Love that nothing good denies.
5. May we keep our holy calling
Stainless in its fair renown,
That when all the work is over
And we lay the burdens down,
Then the children you have given
Still may be our joy and crown.

Selection:

Sis. Jaydah Henry

Reading of the Daily Texts for May 12, 2019:

Bro. Lloyd Farquharson

Welcome: On this glorious Mother’s Day when we honor and thank all mothers, we welcome all who have come to praise God, the Creator of us all.

Peace and joy to all, especially to our mothers in the congregation
(*Identification of our visitors*).

Celebrations: Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.

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

Announcements

Bro. Lloyd Farquharson

- 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!!!
- Please join us for Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- **Congratulations to Aniyah Brown on receiving the All Islands Association Scholarship, May 5, 2019. Blessings to you Aniyah.**
- **The Board of Trustees Fundraising Pledge "Jesus Loves A Cheerful Giver", due date is May 31, 2019. Pledge forms can be found on the rack, or stop by the Trustees Office. Please show your support for this fundraising pledge by making a donation.**
- **The Jamaica Group's Night of Nostalgia is this Saturday the 18th at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 & \$15. See any Jamaica Group member for tickets.**
- **The Busy Bees trip to Nordic Lodge, Rhode Island is approaching quickly, May 25-27th. Review the flyer for details, or see a Busy Bee member.**
- **You are invited to the Youth of United Annual Memorial Day Trip, May 27th, to Camp Hope. Limited seats are available at \$25 each. Please reserve your seat promptly with Sis. Atiya Cobbs.**
- **Please note that there will be a number of fundraisers to help defray the cost of the trip. The first will be the Metropolitan youth concert scheduled for May 25 here at United at 4 PM. Adult tickets are \$25 each. Also there will be three fish fry fundraisers this year, June 22, July 13, and August 17. Please make a note of these and also invite your family and friends to support the Youth of United.**
- **On Sat. June 1 the Moravian Women in Ministry will host "Voices & Steel", featuring the City South Steel Orchestra. Please pick up a flyer on the rack for more details.**
- **The All Nations Rally & Health Fair will be June 8-9, 2019. Do not make any other plans that weekend! Tell your friends, family and acquaintances.**
- **Christian Action for Renewal and Development (C.A.R.D) Presents its Second Annual Luncheon Recognizing Seniors on Saturday June 29, 2019 from 1PM to 5PM right here at United. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Seniors 70 and over, please register with the church office as United will be sponsoring your ticket. Please see sisters Esmie Fraser-McLeod, Eldra Drew, Sonia**

Bernard and Bros. Patrick Bernard and Wendell Smith for additional Information and tickets.

- The UMC Annual Picnic is Sat., July 6. The fun will again be held at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. Bus ticket prices are \$35 & \$20 for adults and children under 13 respectively. Please support the church by leaving your car behind and boarding the bus.
- The Moravian Women are requesting book donations to support its mission to the children of the Harlem Hospital. The books need to be suitable for ages 5-13 and be in excellent condition. These gifts can be handed over to Sis Iris Joseph or Sis Melsadis Dolphin.

Invitation to Service - Vacation Bible School 2019: *Sis. Jonelle Bernard*

Presentation to Mother of the Year: *Men's Fellowship Rep.*

Selection: *Sunday School*

Passing the Peace of Christ: We worship a God who delights in sound relationships. Let us use this time of fellowship so that our spirits may connect not only with God but also with each other!

***Greeting Song: "Peace and Love" (Noel Dexter, 2002)**

Peace and love, peace and love,
Peace and love I leave with you, peace and love.

Selection: *United Praise Angels*

Offertory Invitation (Unison): We will give as we are able, according to the blessings God has given to each of us. To whom much is given much is expected.

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

Musical Interlude: *United Steel Orchestra*

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison): Good Shepherd and generous God, you have given us so much. In your mercy, receive the portion that we offer back to you today and use it for your glory. Make us more generous people that your goodness to us may overflow into the lives of others. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Selection: *United Praise Dancers*

Ministry of the Word:

Preparatory Hymn # 502 v. 4: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

1st Reading (Responsive): Psalm 23 *Sis. Danielle Chambers*

2nd Reading: Acts 9:36-43 *Bro. Jordan McKay*

***Choral Response:** "Glory be to you, O Lord"

***Gospel Reading:** John 10:22-30 *Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

***Choral Response:** "Praise, praise, praise"

Selection: *The Chancel Choir*

Sermon: "The Expectation From the Risen Christ"

Sis. Blondel Jones-Grant

*** Hymn of Response # 624: "Called Together and United"**

***Benediction:** Go forth, people of God, with the conviction that you are loved! Just as Jesus loved his first disciples, so God loves you and holds you in care and tenderness. Go from this place with Jesus' prayer, "May they be one," ringing in your ears, and may the God of all grace free us to live in humble obedience, serving God through serving all!

***Choral Response # 841: "Amen, Hallelujah!"**

***Recessional Hymn #499 (RB): "O Happy Home Where Thou Art ..."**

Musical Postlude: *Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

MAY BIRTHDAYS	Elkema Percival	May 6 th	Trudy Steele	May 24 th
	Lesleen Thomas	May 8 th	Paschall Simpson	May 28 th
	Davina Chambers	May 11 th	Kayden Simpson	May 29 th
	Nolerien Grenaway	May 17 th	Geralda Henry	May 30 th
	JoLee Blondel Jones	May 22 th		

Dearest Mom **(Nolly):**

Every day I thank God for you! Today I honor you with flowers to thank you for being an AMAZING mother, friend and role model... and as your birthday approaches I pray that God continues to bless you abundantly.



Love always, Chiara

Our late **Sis. Joyce McIntosh** is being memorialized with flowers from Sis. Hilerine Daniel & Bro. Melverton Newell.



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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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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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My Sheep Hear My Voice

I was blessed to grow up in a neighborhood with many children my age and plenty to keep us busy playing outside. We had woods nearby that led to a creek that flowed into a mighty river. There were farm fields to wander and railroad tracks nearby to walk as we looked for treasures. We were free to roam about all day, but there was a strict rule that we had to be home in time for supper. Often our parents would call out or whistle from the back porch to let us know supper was ready.

One of my best friends, Don, lived across the street. His name sounds like mine, John—especially when you are busy playing and your mothers are calling you to supper. So in order to buy ourselves a little more time to play, Don and I had this brilliant plan. If his mom called, he would say he thought he heard John, and if my mom called, I would say I thought I heard Don. Well, I don't think our plan ever really worked. Actually, even though I couldn't be sure whose name I heard, I still knew—in fact I was certain—that it was my mother's voice calling me to come home.

We live in a world filled with noises and influences that can overwhelm us and distract us from our faith. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). But how many times do we pretend not to hear or cannot hear because of our worldly concerns? The good news is that Jesus is still calling. We belong to Jesus and always will, by the gift of eternal life through him. This is our hope and our joy, that even in the midst of all the noise and distraction, Jesus still claims us as God's own, and calls us by name to come home.

*John Fritts, pastor, Covenant Moravian Church
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019

