Ephraim Moravian Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11th, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Order of Service

"Be Still My Soul" (The chorale from "Finlandia") - by Jean Sibelius

Welcome and Announcements

Watchword for the Week: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things - Isaiah 25:1

Hymn #548 (v.1-3): "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

Prelude, from "Suite Antique" – by John Rutter

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4: 1-9

"Presto" for flute duet - by Johann Joachim Quantz

Reflection

"Andlalouse" - by Emile Pessard

Sermon

Benediction

"Chorale Improvisation No. 2" - by Charles Villiers Stanford

Today's Reflection - by Rev. Dan Olson

None of us would enjoy being carted off to the crowbar hotel, especially if we had done nothing wrong or illegal. Imagine the shame of it when people found out what had happened to us. It would be a horrible experience, to say the least. Would we get out? Few of us can possibly imagine what it would be like to be locked up in a prison.

The fact is, we are in prison! We find ourselves held captive by situations of our own making and by things that are forced upon us. Right now we are imprisoned by a deadly virus that seems to be uncontrollable. Just now it seems everything in our country is divided and, frankly, dangerous. As things are right now, we are troubled, uneasy, worried. We may be in the chains of disease, of strained relations, of loneliness, of financial difficulty. It is an unsettling thing to be out of control, victims of the cruel whims of human life.

The Apostle Paul was in prison when he wrote his letter to the Philippians. How could it be remotely possible for him to say, "Have no anxiety about anything"? As always with Paul, hope and faith abound. He concludes with these well-known words: "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

When the handcuffs rub painfully on our wrists, we too are set free when we let go with complete abandon to trust in the Power, Grace and Freedom of our Lord Jesus!!

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