

**Ephraim Moravian Church**  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
**October 18, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Prelude: “Ballade en mode Phrygien” - by Jehan Alain**

Welcome and Announcements

**Duet: “Solid Ground” – by Fred Alley**

Watchword for the Week: *Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day*  
- Psalm 96:2

**Hymn #701 (v. 1-3)                      “How Can I Keep from Singing?”**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing  
It sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)

What though my joys and comforts die, the Lord my Savior's living  
What tho' the darkness gather round, songs in the night He's giving. (*Refrain*)

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

**“As Much Light as I Have” – by Katie Dahl**

Reflection

Sermon

**“Gathering of Spirits” – by Carrie Newcomer**

Welcome to New Members – Barbara and Rob Meyer

Benediction

**Toccata, from “Suite Gothique” – by Leon Boëllmann**

### Reflection - from Pastor Dan Olson

Oblivious as they think I am, I know good and well that my children imitate me behind my back. Actually, I've seen them do it, and, much to my chagrin, they're pretty good at it. After all, imitation is a very fine form of flattery. I enjoy watching people and observing their quirks, expressions, motions, and idiosyncrasies. I've been known to mimic people myself once in a while. Watch out, you may be next!

On a deeper level, it is through observation, watching, and listening that we imitate our parents' language and their mannerisms. It's not difficult to see character traits among family members. It is through emulating our grandparents and parents that we absorb the content of our Faith and hear the stories of Jesus.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul urges us to become imitators of the Lord Christ. In so doing we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to become examples to all others so they too may encounter the living Lord. You may think you don't have it within you to express Christ to others, but you do. We really become that which we imitate. So, if we imitate Jesus, we become Jesus to others. If you still feel inadequate, remember the old adage, "Preach the Gospel! If necessary, use words!"

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Pastor..... Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
Music Director..... Mr. Colin Welford  
Lay Reader..... Mr. Rob Meyer  
Guest Musicians..... Mrs. Katie Dahl & Ms. Cyndy Stiehl

