

Ephraim Moravian Church
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears"* - Psalm 34: 1-4

Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman!" - by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn: "An Infant We Present to Thee"

An infant we present to thee as thy redeemed property
And thee most fervently entreat thyself this child to consecrate
By baptism, and its soul to bless, out of the fullness of thy grace.

It is written in the Gospel that our Lord Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work and enter into the fellowship of the church. Our children share with us in the benefits of our Lord's redeeming work, through the faith of parents and of the Church.

For the promise is to us and our children.

Sincerely believing that our Lord Jesus Christ loves Keelan, that he is ready to receive him, and to give him the blessing of eternal life, let us pray. O Father of all, we praise you for the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. Grant that Seth and Jackie may find blessing in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Friend of little children, keep, guard, and bless Keelan; by the guidance of your Spirit may he grow in strength, and in beauty of character.

Jesus, Savior, hear us.

Seth and Jackie, do you promise to lead Keelan, through your prayer, instruction, and example, toward that time when he can, by grace, confirm his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Ephraim Moravian Church, do you welcome Keelan into the fellowship of this congregation?
I do.

You who are baptized into Christ Jesus, how were you baptized?
Into his death.

Keelan Michael Campbell, into the death of Jesus I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now through God's grace and pouring out of the Holy Spirit, you have been brought into the covenant; therefore live, yet not you alone, but Christ live in you; and the life which you live now, live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave his life for you.

Keelan, the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong

Refrain: *Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me*
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so!

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago
Taking children on his knee, saying 'let them come to me' (*Refrain*)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live (*Refrain*)

[Stanzas 2 & 3 from the United Methodist Hymnal, 1989, words by David Rutherford McGuire]

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18
 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

"Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?" – Hymn by Rev. Elisha Hoffman

Sermon

Benediction

"Trumpet Tune & Air" – by Henry Purcell/Jeremiah Clarke

Pastor..... Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
Music Director..... Mr. Colin Welford
Lay Reader..... Mr. Tim Nelson



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