

Ephraim Moravian Church
Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Order of Service

“The Hallelujah Chorus” - from Handel’s “Messiah”

The Lord is Risen
The Lord is Risen Indeed!

Welcome & Announcements

“This Joyful Eastertide” – Hymn by George Ratcliffe Woodward

Watchword for the Week: *“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”* - 1 Corinthians 15:20

Hymn #358: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our Heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer
Congregational Sung Response (#476):

*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord
He is the mighty King, Master of everything
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He!
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord! Amen.*

The Holy Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Mark 16: 1-8

Reflection

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” - from Handel’s “Messiah”

Sermon

Benediction

“Grand Chœur Dialogué” - by Eugène Gigout

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Reflection for Easter Sunday - by Pastor Dan G. Olson

Jesus was no stranger to darkness. It was likely in the dark of night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. In the stealth of shadows, Joseph and Mary scurried to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus. It was in gloom that Jesus experienced the death of his cousin, John the Baptist. It was in grief Jesus received news of the death of his friend Lazarus. What could possibly be more bleak than the inexorable journey to Jerusalem that would end at the hill of death?

We, too, journey through life with the shades pulled down around us, blocking light from our lives. What are we to do when our lives go off the rails? Yes, life possesses its own outer darkness.

But God will have none of it! Darkness is anathema to our Lord! As Psalm 39 states, “Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like day, for darkness is as light to you.”

This is what Easter is all about. By the power of God Almighty, the Light of the world, Jesus our Lord has been raised from the dead. The dank, dark grave could not hold him. The stone at the grave became as light as a feather to our powerful God. By this astounding miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus, all things have been made new. By faith and our baptism into Jesus’ conquered death, we have been forgiven and given the promise of eternal life ... and eternal light, illuminating our path.

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Pastor.....Dawn Volpe
Music Director.....Colin Welford
Guest Musicians....Hal Halvorsen, Cynthia Stiehl, Allie Babich





Easter Donations given for Door CANcer

In Memory of....

Irene and Henry Anderson, by Gary & Lonnie Vitse
George and Dorothy Carey, by Linda & George Carey
Jim Cushing, by Marilyn Cushing
Walt Fisher, by Joan Fitzpatrick
In loving memory of Lois Gibson, by Dawn & Bob Volpe
Lillie Goodlet, by Marilyn Cushing
Gustave & Florence Hagman, by Marilyn Cushing
Dorothy Halvorsen, by Joan Fitzpatrick
My parents, John & Marian Harris, by Kathleen Harris
Bernie & Jeanne Helser, by the Neddersen family
In loving memory of Tom Jackson, by Dawn & Bob Volpe
The Rev. Keith K. Harke, by Maggie Wellert
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Danny Maher, by Kaye Maher
Harry Maher, by Kaye Maher
Thomas and Malinda Mayhew, by Linda & George Carey
Cousin Jim "Butch" Morgan, by Diane Kirkland
Bill & Bonnie Neddersen, by the Neddersen family
Parson and Thiell families, by Jody Thiell
Archie and Gyda Vitse, by Gary & Lonnie Vitse

In Honor of...

Dick Bierman, by Claire Bierman
Lori Bierman, by Claire Bierman
Family, by Betty & Dave Chomeau
Our great-grandchildren, by Pete & Barbara Classen
Our new great nephew, Nicholas Hudson Navarro, by Dawn & Bob Volpe

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