

*A Service of Remembrance  
In Gratitude for the lives of all those who have served our Nation  
Ephraim Moravian Cemetery  
May 30, 2021*

Welcome & Prayer

*Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Responsive Reading:

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

*Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.*

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

*God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.*

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

*Our world is filled with pain and alienation.*

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

*We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.*

We know of war's devastation and the unspeakable loss of life it brings

*Hear our prayer for peace among all nations.*

We pray that one day swords will be hammered into plow-shares, that all nations will study war no more.

*This is our fervent prayer.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

Reading: *Sleeping in the Forest*, by Mary Oliver

A prayer of Remembrance & The Lord's Prayer

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

Reading: *In Flanders Field*, by John McCrae

*Abide with me; fast falls the even-tide; the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee; help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need your presence every passing hour, what but your grace  
Can foil the tempter's power? Who like yourself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

Reading: Hebrews 11: 13 – 16

Meditation

*Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

Benediction

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*We invite you to take a spray of flowers and place it on the grave of a veteran.*

*Please take a bagel for the road!*

*At 10 a.m. today, a special pre-recorded service will be available on Facebook - a majestic  
organ piece coupled with inspirational words in honor of Memorial Day*