

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday - January 16, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Diane Kirkland

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Call to Worship: Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: **A Medley of Afro-American Spirituals**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #707 **“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (v. 1 and 3)**

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5; John 2: 1 - 11

Sermon

Congregational Response, p. 14

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Response: **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” - Solo**

Benediction

Postlude: **“Balm in Gilead” - Afro-American Spiritual**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. – 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 5

<u>MONDAY:</u>	Pastor’s Sabbath
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:30 a.m. Caring Hands
<u>THURSDAY</u>	4:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	10:30 a.m. Worship

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the “Church of the Open Door.” We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity, In Non-Essentials, Liberty, In All Things, Love

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2022: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. – James 3:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL will take place on Sunday, January 30th at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All members and children in Confirmation Class are welcome to attend. Nursery will be provided. Reports due to church January 19.

THANK YOU to Marcia Ellis and Barbara Classen for providing music for our worship this morning.

Reflection – by Rev. Dan G. Olson

It didn't take much prodding from my Dad to get me to do something. A simple 'the grass is gettin' pretty long, dontcha think?' was all it took. That's when the old orange Jacobsen gas-powered reel type mower was called on for duty...when it ran. It seldom did. Mom's method was way less subtle. When she was annoyed with her darling boy she attacked me with a flyswatter. It seemed she was always losing swatters!

*(*This is a test: What's the most important message in the Book of Micah?**
(Raise your hands! Okay, I'll wait)

In the meantime, however, I draw your attention to Micah 6:1-8. Taking this text to its simplest meaning, we hear God reminding his people of what He's done for them: Brought them out of slavery to Egypt and sent Moses, Aaron and Miriam. God isn't pulling a divine guilt trip on His people. It's rather a lesson about good manners. What question is forever on every parents' lips? "What do you say?"

This delightful and short Biblical treasure explains the whole human condition: the dialog between the Creator and the Created; the dissimilarity of the given and the received; the sustaining relationship between husband and wife; and the life-giving correlation between parent and child. This Bible text is the fulcrum point of what God has given to us and how we respond to God in Thanksgiving. It is impossible for us to ever grasp the totality of God's loving care of us.

(The most important message in Micah? Chpt.5, vs.1. ...It tells where Jesus will be born**