

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 23, 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: **Andante** – by **Alexandre Guilmant**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #553 “**To Your Temple, Lord, I Come**” v. 1 – 2

Scripture Lessons: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10

Sermon

Congregational Response, p. 115 - 116

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Response: (Hymn, p. 68)

Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below

Who in your house your name confess, on us your grace bestow.

Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: **Fantasia & Fugue in C Minor** – by **J.S. Bach**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock,
and my redeemer. – Psalm 19:14

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath
SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Church Council

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 next 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. For those members who have email, you will receive your
Church Council packet in advance to review; others will be mailed.
Please review and ask questions in advance of the meeting wherever
possible so that we have answers for you. For those members out of
town, we will have a GoToMeeting virtual meeting available; just
email Pastor Dawn or the secretary for the link.

What A Day

Pastor Dan G. Olson

It might have been better to stay in bed all day on Tuesday, January 18th. First agenda item, a badly needed haircut. When he was finishing up, the barber asked, “Are you wearing two different shoes?” I certainly was! After 75 people (okay, I know! But it seemed like it) stopped laughing, I put on my jacket and went to my car. Now to find my keys. I KNEW I’d put them in my pocket, but they weren’t there. They weren’t on the seat, not in the ignition, not on the floor, not under the seat, not on the ground around the car. Frustrated, I went back in the shop. Upon entering, the guy in the barber chair yelled out, “Hey, you’re wearing my jacket!” I found my keys!

So that was a nice start of the day. And it was only 8:30 a.m. Later that afternoon I was called up for Grandpa duty to chauffeur a Granddaughter from Point A to Point B in Sturgeon Bay. Mission accomplished, I headed home. Just about to go over the Michigan Street bridge when the right-side tires hit a rut of ice and pulled me into an inelegant stop, smack dab in a huge snowbank thoughtfully left by a snowplow. Wasn’t this fun?! Surrounded by several squad cars with shining lights, at least three officers, one nice man who drove the tow truck, many friendly people waving at me as they drove by, and best of all, a ride home – in a police car. In my mind’s eye, the cop was 6 feet tall, 250 pounds, packing heat, with handcuffs tucked in a pocket and a very nice badge. And it gets even better! The next morning the insurance agent called to tell me that since my car was more than twenty years old, they’d decided to total it! Nice work, Olson.

Then I started working on my writing for this Sunday. These words speak deeply to me! When we leave fingerprints on the Bible, God puts His fingerprints directly on our souls.

From the Revised Version of the Bible, Nehemiah 9:8-9:

“And Nehemiah, who was governor, along with Ezra and the Levites all said to all the people, “this day is holy to the Lord; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the word of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”