

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - January 30, 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: “Let All Things Now Living” – Welsh Melody (Ash Grove)

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #552 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” v. 1 & 4

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10, Luke 4: 14 – 30

Sermon

Congregational Response (Psalm 71: 1 – 6)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

It was you who took me from my mother’s womb.

My praise is continually of you. Amen.

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Duet: “The Lord is My Shepherd” - by Noel Dexter

Benediction

Postlude: “Jubilation” - by James Denton

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. 1 Corinthians 13:12

TODAY: 1:00 p.m. Church Council

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship/Installation of Officers

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

MEMBERS and Confirmation Class are invited to return for the annual Church Council today at 1 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

THANK YOU to Barbara Classen for playing for worship this morning and to Marcia Ellis, our soprano and lay reader.

Reflection - Pastor Dan G. Olson

Over the years I have discovered you cannot arm-wrestle someone into Faith, Belief or an escape from bad theology. Honesty demands me to say I fail miserably with these tasks. When confronted with skepticism or outright unbelief I tend to shed my wonderful, peaceful demeanor and get all ballistic and defensive. It's time then to roll out all my Biblical and theological artillery and throw them like hand grenades at the hordes of the unfaithful.

It doesn't work, never has and never will. We are confronted with a different choice: If we peer into God's Word in Luke 4, we are told about the beginning of Jesus' ministry: "In the synagogue of his youth, as Jesus stood up, He was handed the book of Isaiah and read 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor'." It goes on from there, of course, but this is enough to get the point.

Are you afraid to share your faith in Jesus? Out loud? To a family member? A friend or stranger? Yeah, me too. Really, I'm no more anointed (or ordained, if you will) than anyone else. All of us are called to ministry. At our Baptism, God both claims us and sends us. Then we share our faith like Jesus did: Say it and then sit down. Let the Holy Spirit do the rest. No argument needed.