

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 20, 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

“Adagio” from Sonata #1 in Ab – by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #607 “I Am Thine, O Lord” v. 1 – 2

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 16; Luke 6: 27 – 38

Sermon

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – text by St. Francis of Assisi, music by Sebastian Temple, arranged by Mark Hayes

Congregational Response: (Author Reinhold Niebuhr, Theologian)

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;

Therefore, we are saved by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;

Therefore, we are saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;

Therefore, we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own;

Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love, which is forgiveness.

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Response: (Hymn #825)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.

Benediction

Prelude on “Te Deum” – by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus said, ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.’ – Luke 6:36

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 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

THANKS to Cynthia Stiehl for adding her talents to this morning’s worship!

ABUNDANT MERCY – Barbara Axelson

God has plans. But so often they don't coincide with our own plans. When Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery the trajectory of his life drastically changed. It all looked bad! He was wrongfully imprisoned, but God rescued him, although not immediately (years later!).

Are you in a similar place? Maybe not behind iron bars, but stifled and discouraged? Well, hang tough! God is still God and be aware you are beloved by God. He created you and desires fellowship with you.

Joseph, in turn, when he became a Prince of Egypt, passed favor onto his large family- not based upon anything but God's love and mercy.

We, too, are to forgive and pursue good. Not so easy to do, is it? Luke's gospel tells us that even sinners love those who love them. We are told to go beyond that... to be merciful, even as God is merciful. "For the measure we give is the measure we get back." So, get out your yardstick and start marching forward!

Amen.