

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 27, 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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Prelude: “Morning” – by Edvard Grieg

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #775 “For God So Loved Us”, v. 1 - 3

Scripture Lessons: 2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21; Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b - 32

Sermon

“A Simple Song” – by Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Response: **“Holding each Other” – by Gene Scheer**

Benediction

Postlude: “Allegretto” – by Percy Whitlock

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! – 2 Corinthians 5:17

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

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

WELCOME to Scott Ramsay! We are grateful that he is sharing his talents with us this morning.

UPDATE on donations to Ukraine. At the Ecumenical service a few weeks ago, an offering was taken. With the addition of matching funds, \$5,453. was raised. In addition, with the assistance of our Lutheran partners and the generosity of our members, we sent boxes of quilts, crocheted blankets, personal care items to speed relief to refugees.

FOR COMMUNION next week, Pastor Dawn will be coming to the pews to serve cup and bread together. We are inching back to normal!

PRAYER SERVICE for Ukraine at Hope United Church of Christ at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 30, 141 South 12th, Sturgeon Bay. All are welcome.

Reflection – Rev. Cory Kemp

Our poor, dear Pharisees and scribes had a very difficult time dealing with Jesus. On the one hand, they wanted to hear what he had to say.

But on the other hand, they didn't want to tolerate being around, you know, those tax-collectors and sinners who also came near to listen to him. They grumbled about it, probably within earshot of those they were spurning.

So Jesus, rather than be pulled off track by their complaints, took the best possible advantage of the situation and instead told them a parable about a wayward son coming home, full of contrition, who was welcomed by a joyous father who thought his son was dead. The Pharisees and scribes, who stayed and listened, had apparently reconciled themselves to being seen among the riff raff and putting up with some of Jesus' quirky stories.

The kind of reconciliation that Paul writes about, in his second letter to the church at Corinth, is a return to full union in reestablishing a relationship with repentance, forgiveness and celebration. This is a new creation. "So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

It's so interesting to be working our way through this Lenten wilderness, moving toward Holy Week, while we are coming out of a pandemic and helping Ukraine survive in its defiant, proud rebuke of oppressive invaders. What new creation, by God's grace and power, is emerging through us and among us? Make no mistake, it is a time for miracles, and we are helping to bring them into being.

Rekindle Your Heart for Jesus

Free April Lenten Series

Hear best-selling author **Dee Brestin**



Endorsed by Max Lucado, Ann VosKamp,
and Priscilla Shirer.

First Four Friday Mornings in April 9:30 – 11:30

The Kress Pavilion

7845 Church St. Egg Harbor

Teaching & Optional Fellowship. Come & bring a friend!

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