

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Mother's Day - May 8, 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

Serving the Community Since 1853

“Hour of Peace” – by Florence B. Price

Call to Worship: Ringing of the Bell

“Wayfaring Stranger” – Traditional Folk Song, arr. Katie Dahl

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #538: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (all verses)

Joyful Noise Offering for Door CANcer

“Pennies from Heaven” – by Burke & Johnston

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: #825

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

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

Scripture Lessons Exodus 2: 1 – 10; Numbers 26:59

“You Raise Me Up” – by Løvland & Graham

Sermon

“Wildwood Girl” – by Katie Dahl

Benediction

“Toccata” - by Eugene Gigout

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! – Revelation 7:10

<u>MONDAY:</u>	Pastor's Sabbath
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	4:00 p.m. Trustee Investment Meeting
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	7:00 p.m. Midsummer Concert
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	1:00 p.m. Doug Schultz Memorial Service
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery
	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 Katie Dahl and Amanda & Cana Mittermann.

TWO OFFERING PLATES are available for our regular offering, located in the Narthex and at the accessible entrance.

Our **JOYFUL NOISE** offering today will be held during the service, led by our children. Door CANcer will be the recipient. DOOR CANcer hopes to alleviate suffering through monetary aid for families battling the financial drain of a cancer diagnosis. Their staff is all volunteer and to date they have distributed over \$1.8 million to cancer patients in Door County.

Reflection by Kathleen Harris

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 2: 1 - 10

Viewed through today's lens, the costumes are cheesy, the dialogue cringe-worthy, and the sets fossilized - but for kids like me who spent blissful hours drawing on no-tech Magic Slates*, the special effects of *The Ten Commandments* movie were jaw dropping. The movie premiered on national tv in 1973 and became an annual Easter tradition. I remember watching it for the first time on Mom and Dad's mid-century console.

Both Mom and Dad gravitated towards Ramses II**. For Dad, Ramses represented the exotic Egypt he dreamed of seeing one day. For Mom, I dare say looking back, it was beefcake. In 1973, the macho bald is beautiful mojo of Ramses had been reborn by a different actor on tv playing tough cop "Who loves ya, baby?" Kojak.

My favorite scene was when Jochebed put her baby, Moses, in a basket and pushed him down the Nile River. I envisaged being his sister Miriam, wearing a cool maroon headband just like the young actor, walking stealthily through the watery reeds. I pictured myself seeing Pharaoh's daughter rescue Moses, sparing him from her father's genocidal edict. I told the Egyptian princess that I knew a nice lady who could feed the baby. Mom would be so pleased with my quick brilliance, I imagined!

Ramses and his foil Moses are the stars in the Exodus story, but before Moses could save the Israelites from a diabolical pharaoh the women had to save Moses. Today, their cleverness and collaboration, wrapped in decisive nurturing, offer a compelling story for Mother's Day!

Want to know more? Biblical scholars and secular researchers have written much about each of the three women, some of it based on credible resources, and some of it pure speculation. Google Miriam/First Prophetess, Jochebed or Thermouthis/Bit-Yah/Queen Hatshepsut to learn more.

**Seeking lighter fare?* Look up "The Classified History of the Magic Slate" at <https://completeset.com/> to learn the true Cold War espionage story of an American classic toy.

***The two pharaohs in the story of Moses are unnamed in the Bible, as is Moses' adoptive mother.*



COLIN & FRIENDS CONCERTS

Our "**COLIN & FRIENDS**" concert series begins **TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY!** Colin will be joined by various accomplished musical guests to perform works of instrumental, vocal, piano and organ music at the Ephraim Moravian Church. The inaugural concert is on:

Sunday May 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

Continuing our exciting celebration of the music of Florence Price, this concert features pianist Betsy DiFelice (a regular with the New Jersey Symphony and the New York Philharmonic, and who for 35 years led the piano department at Princeton University), and our own beloved Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano.



The program contrasts with that of the concert on May 13th and explores a different aspect of Florence Price's music; her songs and piano works, including her arrangements for four-hand piano. Cyndy will also sing songs by Dvorak. Framing the concert will be two major organ works: J.S. Bach's celebrated masterpiece, the "**Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor**," and the fascinating, rambunctious **Organ Sonata No.1** of Florence Price, written some 200 years later.

Admission for this concert is \$22, in cash or by check, at the door. As seating is limited, please ensure your place by either contacting Diane Kirkland at the office (920) 854-2804 or emailing Colin at ConcertsinEphraim@gmail.com.