

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Father's Day - June 19, 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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Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" - Kathy Sears

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #456 "This is My Father's World"

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 22: 19 – 28; Galatians 3: 23 - 29;
Luke 8: 26 – 39

Solo: "O Jesus I have Promised" - Kathy Sears

Sermon

"Alleluia" - by W.A. Mozart

Congregational Response: p. 14 – 15

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (494)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew

That I may love the things you love and do what you would do. Amen.

Benediction

"Toccata" – by Théodore Dubois

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. – Psalm 22:28

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

THANK YOU to Kathy Sears and our assembled choir for the very special music this morning!

BABY SHOWER – Agnes Rose Larsen, daughter of Brittney Rae and Mike, will be baptized on Sunday, July 10, and we are holding a consumables baby shower for her after the service. No diapers needed, but shampoos, wipes, lotions, etc. (Costco a favorite). Bring items to the parlor prior to the day.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION for our friend Joan Lewis here on Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m. with Colin Welford, Pastor Dawn Volpe and others. Put it on your calendar.

“Juneteenth” - Pastor Dawn Volpe

Today we celebrate 2 holidays- Father’s Day and Juneteenth. Father’s Day is well established and we delight in honoring the men in our lives. Although Juneteenth has been observed since 1886, it became a national holiday just last year.

The name Juneteenth is a clever amalgam of June 19th. It is a day which remembers the long road to freedom and the significant accomplishments of the African American community.

We often cite the Emancipation Proclamation as the seminal document which freed all enslaved people in the United States. However, there were over 200,000 people in Texas who remained in bondage 2 years after the Proclamation. On June 19, 1865, the Union Army finally arrived in Texas with enough manpower to enforce the law. The General of the Army informed the citizens through street proclamations. Joy broke loose as each community shared the news. A year later, the holiday, Juneteenth, was born.

On the Juneteenth website, <https://www.juneteenth.com/history/> we read about a particularly winsome tradition: *Dress was also an important element in early Juneteenth customs and is often still taken seriously, particularly by the direct descendants who can make the connection to this tradition’s roots. During slavery there were laws on the books in many areas that prohibited or limited the dressing of the enslaved. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there are accounts of former slaves tossing their ragged garments into the creeks and rivers and adorning themselves with clothing taken from the plantations belonging to their former ‘masters.’*

I am reminded of the many scriptures which link new clothes with a new way of being. In Isaiah (61:3) God promises to give us a “‘Garment of Praise’ in place of a faint spirit.” In the book of Revelation, we are promised to be clothed in sparkling white. In Paul’s letters we are urged to dress in the virtues of love and kindness. May we all step into God’s freedom, robed in Joy this day!