

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost - June 26, 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 "Allegretto" from Sonata #4 – by Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #548 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1 – 4)

Liturgy, p. 1 - 2

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 16; Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25; Luke 9: 51 - 62

Sermon

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

Postlude "Heut' Triumphiret Gottes Sohn" – by J.S. Bach

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. – Galatians 5: 25

MONDAY:

Pastor's Sabbath

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m.

Worship

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

NEXT WEEK we begin our 8 a.m. services in addition to 10:30 a.m. If you have a business that ramps up in the morning, or you're just a morning person who would love to come early to church, we'll see you here at 8 a.m. Fellowship outside follows each service, weather permitting.

Public Relations 101 – Pastor Dawn Volpe

In Mark 7:37, the people around Jesus exclaim, “He has done all things well.” They obviously never observed him recruit anyone to the cause.

In the gospel lesson today, Jesus rebukes loyal disciples (who advise a unique method of dispatching rude people - it would have been spectacular!); he turned away a very enthusiastic fan who said he was willing to follow him anywhere. Jesus told him that he really didn’t mean it! In two other instances, after Jesus called people to follow him and they requested reasonable accommodations, he balked, telling them they had to come now, or not at all.

We certainly have better recruiting methods! I would never demand that people give up their homes, neglect their familial obligations in order to serve. Jesus himself had disciples who had homes and families. So, what can we learn from these stringent demands?

The clue is in the first sentence of our lesson - Jesus had ‘set his face toward Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem was the place of finality, the place of heartache, the place where evil was to be unleashed and his body brutalized. In the final days of his life, the awesome weight of his mission overshadowed him... he set his face...a flint-like resolve. It’s no wonder Jesus’ response to these would-be disciples was to demand absolute fidelity. And when we think about the demands of the fledgling church, in the face of devastating persecution, the disciples could not afford to be half-hearted.

Although we do not find ourselves in situations like our first-century ancestors, there will come a time when we need to know, deeply, all the graces of God at our disposal, the power of Holy Spirit within, and the profound Hope of eternity. May we follow the Savior with passionate resolve!