

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Festival of August 13 - August 14, 2022

Morning Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**GUEST ORGANIST:**.....Barbara Classen  
**SECRETARY:**.....Diane Kirkland

Serving the Community Since 1853

Ringling of the Bell

**Prelude** "All Nature Sings" – by Landon

Welcome & Announcements

**Hymn #675** "What Brought Us Together"

**\*\*Joyful Noise Offering for Secret Santa**

Scripture Lesson: Joshua 24: 16 – 24; 1 John 4: 1 - 13

**\*\*Solo: "Comfort Ye" from "Messiah" – by G.F. Handel**  
- Scott Ramsay

Sermon

**Congregational Response: Liturgy for Christian Unity,**  
**p. 122 – 124** (ending at the hymn)

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Response: (8 a.m. service) #745:

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord*

*Hear my prayer, when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. Amen*

**\*\*Solo: "How Great Thou Art" – by Carl Boberg/Stuart K. Hine**  
- Scott Ramsay

Benediction

**Postlude** "Chorale Postlude" – by J.S. Bach

**\*\*10:30 service**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. – Psalm 25:4

<u>MONDAY:</u>		Pastor's Sabbath
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	9:30 a.m.	Caring Hands
<u>THURSDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts for Children

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. Weather permitting, coffee and snacks for a time of fellowship on our church lawn (under the maple tree).

**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 Barbara Classen and tenor Scott Ramsay for lending their talents to our worship service this morning!

## **Festival of August 13<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Cory Kemp**

What does it mean to be in a centuries-old dialogue with God?

The ancient Israelites were clear about what this meant to them in answering Joshua, ““Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” And, Joshua was quite clear in reminding them, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” After a bit more conversation, the people were firm that they would only serve the Lord, and they would stand as witnesses for each other in doing so.

On August 13, 1727, after a week of conversations with Count Zinzendorf regarding their future as residents, the people of Herrnhut gathered for worship and felt a renewed spiritual unity among themselves. Where there had been divisions, disagreements and discouragement about their Christian mission, there was now more warmth, open-mindedness and hope to continue to serve God together. Sharing a spontaneous meal on the church grounds, a true love feast, helped strengthen that bond. Little did they know they were including us in their celebration.

John put the proper frame around these community moments that both challenged and comforted its members: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

Choosing mutual love with God and with each other is simple. Living that love is often complicated, messy, unpredictable, confusing, and just plain difficult. But we keep choosing love with all its complications, mess, surprises, confusion and difficulties. That is what it takes to be in a centuries-long dialogue with God.