

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - August 7, 2022

Morning Worship, 8:00 & 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

**** “Morning Has Broken” – Arr. Diane Bish**

Ring of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn Insert: “Earth Was Given as a Garden” – from the Unitarian Universalist hymnbook

Responsive Reading, Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it;

For he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They shall receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 33: 12 – 22; Luke 12: 32 – 40

**** “I Will Sing New Songs” – by Antonin Dvorak**

Meditation

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #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.

The Lord’s Supper

Hymn #773 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Benediction

**** “Scherzo” – by Eugène Gigout**

****10:30 Service**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus said, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.’ – Luke 12:32

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 a.m.

Elders Meeting

SUNDAY:

8 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

9:00 a.m.

Craft time for children

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. 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, CYNDY! We are again blessed to have Cyndy Stiehle with us today, singing beautifully, of course. Welcome back to her and her family in her birthday week!

Mark Your Calendars! On Sunday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m. “Colin & Friends” will present its second concert here. Admission is \$22 at the door. The concert will feature Chicago musicians Janice McDonald and Lisa Fako, along with Colin, playing the beautiful flute, violin and organ music of Impressionist French composers and the ever-magnificent J.S. Bach.

Reflection - Rev. Cory Kemp

Today's Gospel reading tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Where is your treasure? Where does your heart reside?

Considering this question for myself, my delight is always found in my free will, which is a gift from God that we all share. Neither I nor you are forced by God to believe or do anything against our own will. We always have the freedom to choose our thoughts, feelings, actions and beliefs.

Our God does seem particularly generous in setting such terms of agreement for those who become followers. It's up to us to decide how we want to use this vast, rich resource as we go about our daily lives.

We can choose reverence. We can choose hope. We can choose love. We can choose joy. We can choose peace. We can choose patience. We can choose kindness. We can choose goodness. We can choose faithfulness. We can choose gentleness. We can choose self-control. We can choose steadfastness. We can choose trust. We can choose peace. We can choose strength.

We can choose to use this treasured free-will in honoring our God who is all these things and more for us whom God cherishes.

And in all of this we have also been told: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."