

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 2, 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 in F” – by Charles Villiers Stanford

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #533 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Responsive Reading, Psalm 37: 1 – 9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
***Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and
enjoy security.***

Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your
heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of
your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to
evil. For the wicked shall be cut off

But those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Scripture Lessons: 2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14; Luke 17: 5 - 10

Hymn #719 “Be Thou My Vision”

Meditation

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response:

*Come now, O Lord, and teach us how to pray. Teach us to ask
ourselves from day to day, if we are yours and yours alone will be,
Through earthly days and through eternity. Amen*

Benediction

“The Gigue” Fugue – by Dietrich Buxtehude

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act. – Psalm 37:5

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Joyful Noise Offering/
Communion

2:00 p.m. Funeral for Kevin Axelson

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

WELCOME to our guest preacher, Rev. Gary Straughan. Gary is a
retired Moravian pastor. We are so grateful to welcome him back to
the pulpit.

PASTOR DAWN is recovering well from Covid-19. She plans to
return to the office this week.

RECOGNIZE GOD'S GIFTS – Barbara Axelson

The Prophet Habakkuk (1: 1 - 4 & 2: 1 - 4) pleads with God to relieve him of observing wrong-doing, helplessly looking on at his troubled world - a very long time ago. An ancient plea which resonates during modern times. We often wonder, what's next?!

The Lord's answer then (and now): write the vision for the 'appointed time'. That is... a time appointed by God, not by us or by Habakkuk. How can we bear this? We are told, "if it seems to tarry (to be drastically delayed), wait for it.

Yes, Lord, we wait - you have told us the righteous live by faith. May it be so!

In Paul's letter to his dear friend Timothy, he offers him three gifts, which undergird us as we wait for deliverance: grace (unearned), mercy (love's response to our failings) and peace; peace... not just 'good luck' or 'smooth sailing', or 'chill!' But Peace which transcends circumstances. Peace which anchors us. These gifts are given by our Creator - our inheritance as God's children, as heirs of the beloved son.

Paul reminds Timothy that because we are God's beloved children, the spirit of power, love, and self discipline has been conferred on us. When we are troubled with the world's ills, we put our trust in the Good News - not our own abilities. We are beneficiaries of the Blessed Trinity. Go Forward!