

# Ephraim Moravian Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 11, 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  
**GUEST MUSICIANS:**.....Beth Coleman & Katie Dahl

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Ringling of the Bell

**Prelude: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” - arr. Paul Manz**

Welcome & Announcements

**Hymn #607: “I Am Thine, O Lord”**

Joyful Noise Offering for Door CANcer  
**“Across the Sea” - by Katie Dahl**

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 51: 1 – 10, 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17,

**Hymn #762: “Just as I Am” v. 1-4**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15: 1 - 10

Sermon: Pastor Ken Carlson

**“Ring Them Bells” – by Bob Dylan**

**Congregational Response: Liturgy of Reconciliation, p. 14 - 15**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response:**

*When all thy mercies O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view I’m lost in wonder, love and praise .  
Amen.*

Benediction

**Postlude: “Praise and Thanksgiving” arr. Dale Wood**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51: 17

**THURSDAY:** 4:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

**SUNDAY:** 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. Offering Plates for our regular offering are located at the 2 entrances. 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 Pastor Ken Carlson, who is bringing the message today. We’re also grateful for the ministry of music provided by Beth Coleman and Katie Dahl.

**USHERS NEEDED** Please sign up as an Usher for September through October. The sheet is located on the stand in the Narthex (just before entering the Sanctuary).

**TREES COMING!** The Climate Change Coalition will be delivering 18 red pines and 18 white spruce seedlings on Friday for distribution next Sunday—they’ll be outside the back door of the church along with literature on best planting methods etc. Take a free tree or two!

## **Reflection: “Lost in the House”**

Have you ever lost anything inside your house? I can't count the number of things I have lost right inside my house. Thankfully, some items are just missing for a few minutes, as I retrace my steps (or have my husband call my cell phone so that I can locate it!). But other times, things can be lost for a great while. I remember many years ago, losing a set of keys... only to find them when we were moving... they had slipped between the bed and stand! It is frustrating to know that an item is somewhere within the walls of our homes, hidden from our view.

In Jesus' stories about people lost and found, the symbols he uses are sheep and coin. The sheep walks away, necessitating a search party. The coin is lost within the house. This speaks of people who have not left the family, the community or the church; but are lost. They are the ones 'hidden in plain sight'. They've become discouraged, disheartened, disillusioned, going through the motions. They need to be found, brought back to experience the love, grace and mercy of God, and by extension, God's people.

In the story of the Lost Coin, the woman did 4 things when she discovered that something was missing: She lit a lamp, she swept the house, she searched carefully and she threw a party when the coin was found. Can we do the same when someone is hidden in plain sight?

- Light the Lamp- See beyond off-putting behaviors to the hurt they are masking
- Sweep the House- What are some of the things WE need to stop doing in order to bring healing? What are some of the old ways of being which create barriers?
- Search Carefully- Be sensitive to the people around us. Make sure we take no one for granted.
- Throw a party! Perhaps not in the literal sense, but it's always a good idea to celebrate the people in our lives.

May we be a people who restore those who are lost, bringing hope, healing, and abundant love. – Pastor Dawn Volpe

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