

Ephraim Moravian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 25, 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

Chorale Prelude “Nun Bitten Wir” – by Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #520 “Sing to Our God a Song of Cheer”

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*

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19,
Luke 16: 19 - 31

Hymn #502 “Break Now the Bread of Life”

Sermon

Congregational Response p. 115 - 116

Hymn #559 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Benediction

“Paen” – by Herbert Howells

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.” – 1 Timothy 6:6

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

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 Rev. Mary Lou Plummer. We are delighted to see her again! Pastor Dawn returns from Sabbatical next Sunday.

COLIN & FRIENDS – **TODAY** at 2:00 p.m., join Colin and organist Jeffrey Verkuilen for “Organ Works!?” - all about how pipe organs actually work—plus solos and a grand finale in duet. Admission \$22.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins next week! Join Miss Erin in Fellowship Hall or Pastor Dawn in the Parlor (older grades). The Nursery will be open for children 3 and under while their siblings are in class.

Reflection: “Penniless”

“He died penniless.” When we hear these words, they usually describe great artists and musicians who died before their contributions were fully understood or appreciated. They are sad commentaries on the times they lived in and the tragic nature of their lives.

I always marveled at the artistry of Joseph Mohr, a parish priest who penned the beloved poem ‘Silent Night,’ When I researched his life, I read the same poignant words: “he died penniless.”

But instead of tragedy, these words lauded the life of a man with a profound generosity of spirit. He did not die penniless because he was unappreciated or unrecognized. He died without means because he chose to give away his income to the people who needed it most. In a war-torn country, he provided shelter for the homeless and education for the poor. He was called, ‘A reliable friend of mankind; toward the poor, a gentle, helping father.’ His memorial from the townspeople is the Joseph Mohr School located a few yards from his grave.*

His life reminds me of Jesus, who had no material wealth to give. Rather, he gave himself away. He gave himself away so that we might have peace in this life and hope for the life to come.

May we find grace to give ourselves away - in bringing peace to people torn apart by strife, in bringing economic support to people torn apart by poverty, in bringing forgiveness to people torn apart by anger, in bringing hope to those torn apart by despair. May we give ourselves away with abandon - to love and serve, following the One who gave everything away.
– Pastor Dawn Volpe

*source: http://www.icce.rug.nl/~soundscapes/VOLUME02/Silent_Night_History.shtml

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