

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Transfiguration Sunday - February 19, 2023

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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## Prelude “Adagio” from Sonata No.1 – by Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #326: “How Good, Lord, to be Here”**

**General Liturgy, p. 1 – 3**

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Exodus 24: 12 – 18

New Testament: 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Sermon

**Offertory: “O Rest in the Lord” – by Felix Mendelssohn**

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: #825**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord*

*Incline your ear to us; and grant us your peace. Amen*

Benediction

**“La Rejouissance” from The Fireworks Music – by G.F. Handel**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** “God said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’- Matthew 17:5

**TODAY:** 4:30 p.m. Chess Club

**MONDAY:** Pastor’s Sabbath

**TUESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:** 1:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service-  
The Meadows, Scandia Village

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

**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 2023:** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.- 1 John 4:12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to Rev. James Heroux, pastor of Freedom Moravian Church. Pastor James is participating in a ‘pulpit exchange’ with Pastor Dawn. James was our Student Intern while still in Seminary. We’re delighted to welcome him back to the pulpit!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** we will be joining our Sister Bay Moravian friends and residents of Scandia Village in the Meadows Gathering Room at 1:30 p.m. for an Ash Wednesday Service. Our theme for Lent this year is ‘Healing a Broken World’. We invite you to attend every Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. in Lent.

**THANK YOU** to Marcia Ellis for sharing her beautiful voice with us this morning!

### Reflection by Pastor Dan G. Olson

When we read the dazzling story of the transfiguration of Jesus before a cloud of witnesses, we hear not a word about the other disciples. What of them?

I imagine the waiting disciples were, at times, patient and at other times jealous, grumbling, bored, hungry, worried about their families. I imagine them wondering why they were there and what was going on up the mountain, and finally feeling frustrated by not being kept in the loop.

This is not unlike a lot of everyday life as a disciple. There's a lot of waiting. A lot of boring faithfulness. What keeps us in the game where we're not always in the loop of God's plans, and when we don't feel "special" as part of Jesus' inner circle?

But each of us, in our own way, is invited to the mountaintop and propelled there by the Spirit of God. We really are included. That Spirit runs loose in our world and cannot be captured. But that same Spirit can capture us. It is then we can say, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

But even so, no matter how powerful a spiritual experience is, the time comes when we have to come down off the mountain and rejoin our everyday life. But when we do, we do so as a changed person.

**Celebrating 170 Years  
in 2023!**

### **HEALING OUR BROKEN WORLD LENTEN SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH MARCH 29**  
(February 22 is Ash Wednesday—inspirational service & ashes offered)

1:30 PM at The Meadows Gathering Room, Scandia  
Village

We will be reflecting on the  
many facets of 'brokenness,' challenging us to  
bring God's healing to those situations