

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday in Lent - March 5, 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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Welcome & Announcements

“Toccata” – by Alessandro Scarlatti

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #775 “For God So Loved Us”

Liturgy for Lent 2, p. 78

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 121

Gospel: John 3: 1 – 17

Meditation

Offertory: “Adagio” from Felix Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: #741

Now we bring ourselves to you; cleanse us, Lord, we humbly pray.

Undeserving though we be, draw us closer every day.

Lord, our refuge, hope, and strength! Keep, O keep us safe from harm,

Shield us through our earthly life by your everlasting arm. Amen

The Lord’s Supper (Insert)

Postlude: “Psalm XIX” – by Benedetto Marcello

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” – John 3:16

TODAY: 4:30 p.m. Chess Club

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting

1:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service

Meadows Gathering Room

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

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Meadows’ Gathering Room. The theme is “Healing Our Broken World.” Join us!

USHERS/FELLOWSHIP/LAY READERS – We are always looking for those who can help during a service or for Fellowship. Sign up in the narthex if you can lend a hand.

A Reflection on Psalm 121- Rev. Cory Kemp

Have you ever heard of a Keeping Room? In America in the 1700s, the fireplace was the cooking area and the place people gathered to stay warm. But that area was also the main source of heat in the home. To keep people from getting in the cook's way, the Keeping Room was created. Today it is a space next to the kitchen, where friends and family can gather to keep the cook company while they prepare a meal.

Consider now how many ways God keeps us company each day, no matter what is happening in our lives.

When we are desperate, wondering where the help we need will come from... our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He steadies our feet and keeps us without slumbering, just as He kept Israel.

When we feel alone...God keeps us near, staying at our sides. Nothing will hurt us, day or night because God will keep us from all evil. The Lord will keep our lives.

When we think that God has walked away from us... the Lord keeps us with Him always, in our going out into the world, and our coming back home....always. God's company is with us from this time on and forevermore.