

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Palm Sunday - April 2, 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  
**GUEST ORGANIST:**.....Barbara Classen

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** “Ride on in Majesty” – by Wells

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn ##786** “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!”

**Liturgy for Palm Sunday, p. 49**

Joyful Noise Offering for Secret Santa

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Response: (Hymn 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.*

**Offertory:** “The March to Calvary” – by J.H. Maunderer

\*Doxology

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

**Hymn #343** “Ride, On! Ride On in Majesty”

Benediction

**Postlude:** “Solemn March” – by Widor

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Philippians 2: 7,8

**MON. – FRI.** 12 noon Lunch & Holy Week Readings

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 a.m. Easter at the Cemetery  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Easter 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

**MANY THANKS** to Barbara Classen for providing the music for us today!

**HOLY WEEK READINGS** – For all ages! This Monday-Friday at 12 noon with a simple lunch, presentation of the meaning for the day’s readings, and those who wish to participate may read.

**EASTER!** *It’s next Sunday* – we meet at the Cemetery at 8 a.m., then breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m. and our Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Join us!

**“Prelude to the Greatest Act of Love” - by Barbara Axelson**

Palm Sunday, that prequel to not only Easter but Good Friday, is the pointer, the marker, to the great gift of salvation. The language of love was expressed in ancient times by the people who were moved to cast palm branches ahead of Jesus on his humble mount. They were told, ‘Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!’ And they did.

We are encouraged, as the hymn commands to ‘March on in firm array,’ undaunted in the face of life’s ever-present disappointments and temptations, to cling to remembrance that all is not yet known and that we will see the ‘dawn of the golden day.’

Jesus did His part to usher in the Golden Day, and we are tasked to do our own part. We are invited to give voice to the blessing of the Kingdom of God. That is our witness to the world, to worship and to honor the One who died for our sins and who gives us life everlasting.

So many this week will think they’ve seen Easter, by surrounding themselves with marshmallow chicks, chocolate bunnies, colored eggs and baskets galore, but we are privileged to see the very glory of the eternal God and the undying hope of all ages. Thank you, Gracious Father!

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in 2023!**