## **Ephraim Moravian Church**

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Easter - April 9, 2023
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Serving the Community Since 1853

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!" – arr. Healey Willan

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #358 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Liturgy for Easter, p. 90

Prayers of the Church

Congregational Response (Hymn #476)

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord; he is the mighty King, master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he; bow down before him, Love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

Offertory: "Meditation on 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth'" – Arr. Gordon Young

Doxology (#817)

Scripture Lessons: Colossians 3: 1 - 4; John 20: 1 - 18

Solo: "Panis Angelicus" - Cyndy Stiehl

Sermon

Hymn #792 "I Serve a Risen Savior"

Benediction

Postlude: "Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia!" – by Lani Smith based on the tune "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

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<u>WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK</u>: 'So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.' Colossians 3:1

MONDAY: Pastor's Sabbath

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

<u>WELCOME</u> 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**

<u>MANY THANKS</u> to Beth Coleman and Cyndy Stiehl for gracing our Easter morning with music.

## A Reflection on Easter -Howard Thurman (Meditations of the Heart)

The manifestation of this quality in the world about us can best be witnessed in the coming of spring. It is ever a new thing, a glad surprise, the stirring of Life at the end of winter. One day there seems to be no sign of life and then almost overnight, swelling buds, delicate blooms, blades of grass, bugs, insects – an entire world of newness everywhere.

It is the glad surprise at the end of winter. Often the same experience comes at the end of a long tunnel of tragedy and tribulation. It is as if a man stumbling in the darkness, having lost his way, finds that the spot at which he falls is the foot of a stairway that leads from darkness into light. Such is the glad surprise.

This is what Easter means in the experience of the race. This is the resurrection! It is the announcement that life cannot ultimately be conquered by death, that there is no road that is at last swallowed up in an ultimate darkness, that there is strength added when the labors increase, that multiplied peace matches multiplied trials, that life is bottomed by the glad surprise. Take courage, therefore:

When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun.

## Celebrating 170 years in 2023!