

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 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: ‘Veni, Creator Spiritus’ (‘Come Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire’) - Theme and Variations for organ, by Maurice Duruflé, after the 9th- Century plainchant of Rabanus Maurus

Welcome & Announcements

Watchword for Pentecost Sunday

Hymn #490 “Spirit of God, Who Dwells”

Responsive Reading (John Birch @godspacelight.com)

When was the last time that we heard the wind of your Spirit roar through this place?

When was the last time your fire lit up this room?

When was the last time we took you at your word and met together in expectation of your Spirit filling this place, and these lives with your Glory and Power?

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.

Do we believe that this was a once in eternity experience, never to be repeated? That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose, and ended His work at that instant? If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this age, helpless when faced with the needs both spiritual and physical, that we see in the world.

Lord, as we meet together and celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost...

May it be for us as it was then - a moment of empowerment...
An awareness of your Glory in this dark world, a life-changing experience.

Moment of Reflection: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (1st Variation)

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Moment of Reflection: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (2nd Variation)

Reading: ‘To Live With the Spirit’ – Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit

Moment of Reflection: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (3rd Variation)

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2: 1 – 21

Offertory: **‘Make me a Channel of Your Peace’** – lyrics after St. Francis of Assisi, Music by Sebastian Temple, Arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

Sermon

‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (Finale)

Benediction

Amen.

WATCHWORD FOR PENTECOST: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. – John 20: 21 – 22

<u>TODAY:</u>	Fellowship following the Service
<u>MONDAY:</u>	Pastor’s Sabbath
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	7:00 p.m. Music Appreciation
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	10:30 a.m. Communion

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

THANK YOU to Cyndy Stiehl and our 'pick-up choir,' for sharing their gifts this morning!

MUSIC APPRECIATION if you'd like to join Colin for an informal and interactive evening, and to discover new things about music, please call the church office or email us to reserve a spot for Wednesday 31st May at 7 p.m. (\$20 suggested donation) - Refreshments by Tea Thyme.

FAREWELL to our member and good friend Chuck Mead as he moves to Green Bay. Godspeed, Chuck!

'Come, Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire' (*'Veni, Creator Spiritus'*)

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Illumine with perpetual light the dullness of our mortal sight.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee, of both to be but one;
That through the ages all along this may be our endless song:
Praise be to thine eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

This sublime hymn of the church was written in the 9th Century by Rabanus Maurus, a scholar, educator and writer. He was later recognized for his remarkable character and self-giving. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, during the famine of 850, he fed more than 300 people per day.

May we echo his plea to the Holy Spirit...for comfort, for insight, and most importantly, for the power to transform ourselves into God's instruments of Peace. May our lives burn with Celestial Fire. *Amen.*

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in 2023!**