Ephraim Moravian Church

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In Celebration of John Hus – July 2, 2023 Morning Worship, 8.00 & 10:30 a.m.

Serving the Community Since 1853

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: "For All the Saints" - Improvisation

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #391: "By All Your Saints Still Striving" Liturgy for All Saints, p. 105

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: #745

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. Amen.

The Lord's Supper (Insert)

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-7

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 24

Gospel: Mark 8: 34 – 38

**Offertory: "God Bless America" – by Irving Berlin Doxology

Meditation

**Postlude: 'Fête' ('Festival') - by Jean Langlais, written in 1946 to mark the 1st anniversary of the ending of WWII.

<u>WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:</u> Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance. – Psalm 89:15

TODAY: Time for Fellowship, following Worship

MONDAY: Pastor's Sabbath

SUNDAY: 8.00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

<u>WELCOME</u> to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. You are most welcome to join us in the Lord's Supper, which is open to all.

<u>EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH</u> is the 'Church of the Open Door.' We hope you find our church open to you in every way! <u>MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:</u> 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>THANK YOU</u> to Hal Halvorsen for playing the piano. Always a blessing!

RAMP UP Habitat for Humanity provides temporary ramps to people with mobility issues, which enables them to stay in their homes. Each ramp costs \$10,000. We are partnering with 2 other churches to provide a ramp. A donation box is located in the Narthex. Please help as you are able.

BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP On Tuesday, July 18th, young people from all over the world will be enjoying a social sponsored by Bridges. Our church will be providing desserts for the event. Please see the sign- up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts preferred are bars and brownies. We would also love to see people from our congregation attend and interact with the kids. The event takes place Tues., July 18, 6 p.m. at the Ellison Bay Community Center 11953 Hwy 42, Ellison Bay.

^{**10:30} a.m. Worship Service

A Prayer for July 5 – Rev. Jim Somerville, 1st Baptist Church Richmond, VA

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O God, you who birthed a nation from a barren womb And made your covenant with a band of runaway slaves; You who have watched over the rise and fall of every nation Great and small, near and far, before and since; You who were in that stuffy room in Philadelphia when this nation declared its independence; Be with us now.

Help us see things as you see them. From your point of view there are no national boundaries, No ugly black lines on the face of the globe. From your point of view the greatness of any nation is not measured by its gross national product, or its military strength, But by the way its people embrace. your truths and love the things you love.

And so, even as we strike up the band and join the parade, As we light the fuses of firecrackers and celebrate our cherished independence, we ask that you would teach us the discipline of responsibility So that we may use our freedom in ways that help and heal rather than hurt and destroy. As the Apostle Paul has said, "let us not use freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence But rather, through love, let us become servants to one another."

On this Independence Day we pray especially for the United States of America and for her president. We ask that you grant to him and to all our elected officials extraordinary wisdom, unwavering compassion, and a clear sense of your kind of justice.

We pray that as a people we may become what you promised to Abraham: A nation by whom all the nations of the world are blessed. May the people of Asia and Africa, Europe and South America Soon be able to say, if not already, "Thank God for America," Even as we thank you, O God, for what is, and look forward by faith to what will be when your kingdom comes, and your will is done, On earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

So may it be, on the Fifth of July as well as the Fourth.

Celebrating 170 Years in 2023