

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Father's Day - June 18, 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

Prelude: Sonata in A Major, K. 322 – by Domenico Scarlatti

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #456 “This is My Father’s World”

Liturgy of Reconciliation, p. 13 – 15

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Exodus 19: 2 – 8
Psalm 100

New Testament: Romans 5: 1 – 8

Sermon

Offertory: Postludium – by Ernst von Dohnányi

*Doxology

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: #445 (Red Hymnal)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

That calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father’s throne

Make all my wants and wishes known; In seasons of distress and grief

My soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempters snare

By thy return sweet hour of prayer.

Benediction

Postlude: Spanish Dance – by Moritz Moszkowski

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

-Psalm 100:5

TODAY:

Time of Fellowship following Worship

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

TUESDAY:

10:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Caring Hands

SUNDAY:

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

THANK YOU to Betsy DiFelice for playing so beautifully for us!

THANKS to all those who volunteered their time at our booth and church open house during the Fyr Bal Festival yesterday.

REFLECTION by PASTOR DAN G. OLSON

**Celebrating 170 Years
in 2017!**

I'd never done it before. Retire, that is. For thirty-five years in parish ministry, plus eight years of preparing before that, my whole identity was wrapped up in what I did and being called "Pastor". What was to become of me?

Soren Kierkegaard said, "Life can only be understood backward, but it has to be lived forward." There's no question I had fallen into the trap of steering through life fixating on the rearview mirror. Now I was being called to look forward, to forage through uncharted territory on a new journey. It didn't take long for me to embrace other distinctions to define me. "Husband" of course; "Father," "Grandpa," "Reader," "Cook," "Lazy." Retirement wasn't so bad after all.

In the Book of Exodus, we read of Moses and the people of God being called to enhanced service and mission. They hadn't a clue as to what that meant or where they were going. But of this we can be certain, God said, "You shall be my own possession among all people ... and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation!" You can be sure they proceeded with fear and trepidation, but they said, "All the Lord as spoken we will do."

So, on they went. Lead by a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.