

Ephraim Moravian Church

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World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Erin Bristol

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Welcome & Announcements

‘Cantabile’ – by César Franck

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #621: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Liturgy of Peace & Justice, p. 148 – 151

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (#231- Red Hymnal)

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine

Chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day. Amen

Offertory: ‘Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben’ – Chorale

Prelude by J. S. Bach

Doxology

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4, 25 – 32

New Testament: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23 – 32

Meditation

‘The Call’ – by George Herbert & Ralph Vaughan-Williams

The Lord’s Supper (Insert)

Postlude: ‘Sanctus’ from ‘St. Cecilia’ Mass – by Charles Gounod

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 2:5

TODAY: Time of Fellowship following Worship
4:00 p.m. Chess Club

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 3:45 – 5 p.m. After School Program

FRIDAY: 1:00 p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY: 2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert
4:00 p.m. Chess Club

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. We practice an Open Communion. ALL are welcome at the Lord’s table!

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

Thank You to Dale Stafslie for sharing his talents with us today.

Please Join us in Fellowship Hour after the service today.

New After-School Program! Beginning this Wednesday, our school aged children will enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to Erin Bristol for her leadership

Bible Study continues throughout the month of October. We will take a 2 month break Nov. – Dec. and then resume with a new study in January.

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This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Established by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936 and originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, this day beckons us to be mindful that when we gather at the table, we celebrate not only with those present but also with sisters and brothers around the world.

Table Blessing

To your table you bid us come.
You have set the places, you have poured the wine,
and there is always room, you say, for one more.
And so we come.

From the streets and from the alleys
we come.

From the deserts and from the hills
we come.

From the ravages of poverty
and from the palaces of privilege
we come.

Running, limping, carried,
we come.

We are bloodied with our wars,
we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us,
and we reckon with their ghosts.

We hold the seeds of healing,
we dream of a new creation,
we know the things
that make for peace,
and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table
we come.