

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Last Sunday after Epiphany February 11, 2024  
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: 'Plainte' from 'Suite Brève - by Jean Langlais**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #326 "How Good, Lord, to be Here"**

**Liturgy, Psalm 84 (Insert)**

**Joyful Noise Offering for Secret Santa: 'Rigaudon' – by André Campra**

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1 – 12

Gospel: Mark 9:2 – 9

Sermon

**Offertory: 'Andante con Moto' from Sonata No.5 – by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy**

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response:**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord*

*Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude: 'Chaconne' – by Louis Couperin**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. – 2 Corinthians 4:5

## TODAY

Time of Fellowship following Worship

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

Pastor's Sabbath

## MONDAY:

## TUESDAY:

12:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

## WEDNESDAY:

10:00 a.m. Elders

3:45 p.m. After-School Program

## THURSDAY:

12:30 p.m. Ladies 'Time-out'- Al Johnsons

## FRIDAY:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

## SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

2 & 4:30 pm Colin & Friends Concerts

**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 2024:** 'Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.'" - 1 Timothy 3:16

**LENT** begins this week! Please review the insert in your bulletin for Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services in our area.

**LADIES 'TIME-OUT'** We'll be gathering for a 'dutch-treat' lunch at Al Johnsons on Thursday, 12:30 p.m.- no agenda- except to enjoy each other's company! Please RSVP (email or phone before Wednesday) so that we have a count for the restaurant.

**CANDY BARS** are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table to assist Mylo Sherman's school trip to Washington DC.

**VISIT THE TABLE** All the items on the Fellowship Hall table are available for you to take home with a contribution to Trickle-bee Café. *This will be the last Sunday to pick up items from the table!*

## Reflection - by Pastor Dan G. Olson

This would be a chaotic world if we dispensed with all calendars, clocks, watches or schedules. Instead, we have become controlled by time and have become obsessed with it. Have you noticed that the later you are for an appointment, the faster time goes? Or, when we are waiting for something, or someone, the longer time seems to pass?

Why am I talking about time? It's because our Lord, in His transfiguration, pierced the realm of time and splintered it to pieces. In that mountain-top experience, Peter, James and John, along with Jesus, were joined by Moses and Elijah, figures from the long distant past. And as Jesus stood there, dazzling in mysterious and astounding brilliance, that light shone over whatever had been, and over all that ever would be. Then God spoke, saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Just imagine how astonishing this experience was!

One does not encounter the Almighty and return to life unchanged by the experience. And that includes Jesus himself. It also includes you and me, because the light of the Transfiguration has shown in our eyes and enveloped our very being.

But now comes the hard part. Living on a spiritual high all the time would be exhausting enough, but having had that experience ultimately leads to the tough work of descending into the valleys of life. Just as it was for Jesus. For after the transfiguration he trod the path of toil and service, leading ultimately to the cross. That is our calling as well. We pick up our cross in the delight of service in Jesus' Name as we, in our own way, become beacons of light. So, let's get going as we trod through the fast-approaching Lenten season. Let's get going! Time is of the essence.