

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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:**.....Elfi Johnson

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: 'Intrada' – by Christopher Steel**

Watchword for the Week

**Liturgy Isaiah 55 (Insert)**

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

New Testament: Romans 4:1 – 5, 13 – 17

Gospel: John 3: 1 – 17

Sermon -Rev. Ken Carlson

**Hymn # 735 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”**

**Offertory: 'Allegretto' – by Edward Elgar**

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response:** (Hymn #825)

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

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

**Benediction**

**Postlude: 'Minuet in Bb' – by J. Stuart Archer**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** God said, “I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations.” Genesis 17:7

**TODAY:**

Time of Fellowship

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

**MONDAY:**

Pastor's Sabbath

**WEDNESDAY:**

3:45 p.m. After-School Program

**FRIDAY:**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

**SUNDAY:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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 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

**THANKS** to Pastor Ken Carlson for bringing us the message this morning!

**LENT** Please review the insert in your bulletin for Lenten Services in our area.

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

## Reflection- Pastor Dawn Volpe

Long before tablets of stone were etched with commandments, long before words were ever penned on parchment, long before prophets spoke on God's behalf... the Word came directly to a man named Abram. He was told to do something outrageous- leave everything behind- the land on which his family lived for generations, the people whom he had known his entire life. Leave everything behind at the age of 75 and follow the voice of God- to where? He wasn't told. Only that he had to leave on the strength of a promise- someday (long after he was dead), a great nation would spring from this moment of faith. We know the ending of the story- Abraham's legacy lives on to this day. Jews, Christians and Muslims all claim a connection to 'Father Abraham.' All because a man had the faith to follow the voice of God. My friend, Cory Kemp, describes faith this way:

*Faith is an incredibly large word that invites you to see past what you have experienced and embrace God's vision for you sight unseen.*

*God is really, really good at dreaming big things for us, offering them to us not as grand gestures, but as promises, covenants, that mean he intends to make good and bring these dreams to life. The ways, the means, the how, are all inconsequential because God will manage all of that. All we have to do is say yes. And keep saying yes, every step of the way forward.*

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we step out in Faith- that God continues to dream big things for us. That our lives can affect a generation yet unborn.