

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 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.....Sherry Moore

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “How Firm a Foundation” – Hymn-tune, Arr. Diane Bish

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #709 “How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1 – 4)

Liturgy, p. 1 – 3

Joyful Noise Offering for Secret Santa:

‘Grand Chœur’ – by Théodore Salomé

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #476)

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord

He is the Mighty King, master of everything

His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord

He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he

Bow down before him, love and adore him

His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord!

Offertory: ‘Sarabande’ – by Georg Frederic Handel

Doxology

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 104

New Testament: 1 John 3: 1 – 7

Gospel: Luke 24: 36b – 48

Sermon

Hymn #559

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Benediction

Postlude: ‘Processional’ – by Grayston Ives

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. 1 John 3:1

TODAY

Time of Fellowship following Worship

2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

4:30 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Caring Hands

10:30 a.m. Elders

3:45 p.m. After-School Program

THURSDAY:

11:00 a.m. Trustees

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

WELCOME to Rev. Pres Hoffman, who is bringing the message this morning. We are so grateful for his ministry!

‘COLIN & FRIENDS’ will be giving two concerts here at EMC-*TODAY* at both 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. Theme is ‘Death and Taxes!’ Bring yourself and friends! More importantly, it’s a special occasion, with flutist Cora Carrier (a student at Gibraltar High School), as they officially launch their 501(c)(3). These concerts are free, donations are gladly accepted.

God provides so much for us every single day for which we never have to ask. The sky, stretching out above in all its variations, the sun glistening on waves lapping on the shore, and clouds shaping themselves into animals, castles and chariots. The earth under our feet, beautiful bodies of water that surround us, and mountains rising above our imaginations. God's care for us, and for all creation, continues on in providing food, water and sheltering trees for animals and birds.

Without being asked, God willingly helps our food to grow so that we are nourished by good bread, fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts. The lunar cycles of the moon help us understand and work with the seasons. Both light and darkness serve to shape our days with time for work and rest.

God's provisions, the great works with which God blesses us each day, are too many to name. It is God's wisdom that weaves all of these moments and wonders together into this beautifully incomprehensible world we call home.

Today is a wonderful day to sit back, consider all that God has done for us, for you, already today, without having to ask. That is how generous God always is. With that in mind and heart, it is a wonderful day to sing to the Lord, praise God while we have being. It is a wonderful day to offer pleasing meditations to God, to rejoice in the Lord. It is a wonderful day for our souls to bless God who provides our everything. It is a wonderful day to praise the Lord.