

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 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:.....**Brittney Rae Larsen**

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Souls”. – Chorale Prelude by Johannes Brahms

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #520 Sing to Our God a Song of Cheer (v. 1 – 4)
Liturgy of Celebration, p. 43

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!

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 22: 25 – 31

New Testament: 1 John 4: 7 – 21

Hymn #502, v. 1 & 4 Break Now the Bread of Life

Gospel: John 14: 1 – 14

Sermon -Rev. Ken Carlson

Offertory: ‘Allegro’ – by William Boyce

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude: ‘Menuet Gothique’ – by Léon Boëllmann

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus said, “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.”- John 15:4

TODAY	Time of Fellowship following Worship
MONDAY:	Pastor’s Sabbath
WEDNESDAY:	3:45 p.m. After School Program
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

THANK YOU to Pastor Ken Carlson for bringing us the message today!

SPRING CLEANING- We’ll be cleaning the interior of the church on Tuesday, May 7th from 9 – 12. Please sign up if you’re available on the stand by the Sanctuary entrance. Cleaning supplies and LUNCH will be provided.

PASTOR DAWN and Angela Sherman are representing the church at the Western District Synod this week.

YOUR PRAYERS are appreciated for Pastor Dawn as she undergoes her first cataract surgery this Wednesday!

SUPPLIES FOR BRIDGES Warren Pfohl will be coming next Sunday to pick up the supplies we have gathered. If you haven’t already done so, please help us fill the table!

How do you find your way to Gills Rock? You don't really need me to give you directions, do you? It's pretty straightforward. Just continue up 42 North and you can't miss it.

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus is equally clear with his disciples about the way to God, the Father. The way to God, to understanding and living as part of who God is, simply involves loving each other.

The disciples saw that exemplified first hand, and we now know that way of being because of Jesus' life and their obedience as His followers. They immensely trusted Jesus, were willing to ask him big, important questions and be opened to more than they ever imagined they would know.

But more than seeing God in Himself, Jesus urged his followers to see the way that God worked in the world, how magnificent were his deeds, to rely on the power of God's way in the world in all kinds of places and situations.

Take that in, if just for a moment. It's amazing, incredible and wonderful, to think about, to welcome into ourselves, all that God is and is doing in the world as the way to God. Can you believe that? Even more so, you and I are invited to participate in all that God is doing in the world. We are included in the way, the truth and the life that is God, the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Take that in as well, just for a moment. It's amazing, incredible and wonderful, to think about, to welcome into ourselves, all that God is and is doing in the world, and that we are a part of paving that way for others.

God is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and we come to God by knowing God's Son, Jesus Christ, and we are invited to share that knowing with any and all who are curious or interested.