

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

September 27, 2020

9:30 A.M.


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Ohio Roadwork "The Jerusalem Road"

Prelude "Jerusalem the Golden" Ewing


Welcome and the "Good News" of the Church Family

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 2:5

* **Liturgy for Palm Sunday**
Courtney Wallace, Cantor  : Music
(Standing)

Leader: Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Cong: Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

 L: We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

C: You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

L: You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

C: You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

L: With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

C: So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

L: By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

C: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

(Sitting)

L: The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

L: Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.



L: Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

C: Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

L: God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

C: Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

L: God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

C: Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

L: God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

C: As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

L: God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

C: For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Standing)

L: Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

C: You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

L: We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

C: To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

Children's Moment

Special Music "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller and Jackson
Linda Earley

The Message: "The Jerusalem Road"

Prayer

Special Music "Ride On, King Jesus" Helvey
Chancel Choir

A Roadwork Blessing

Gradual Dismissal

Postlude "We're Marching to Zion" Lowry

Please note: If you have a cell phone, please turn it off during the worship service. If you would like to recycle your bulletin, place it in the box near the ushers' table at the back of the sanctuary.

Our thanks to those who helped with the worship service by sharing their talent for the Lord and God's people today.

Need to change a diaper? The **Changing Station** is located in the Social Hall. The Nursery room is unavailable.

Mini Holy Week

I offer this adapted Mini Holy Week+experience for you. We did not have a typical Holy Week reading together this season. May this help with your Spiritual Roadwork before you. Please take the time to read, digest and consider the Jerusalem Road to the Roman or Eternal Road to come. Read the assigned passage, ponder and answer the questions and pray the prayer as part of your discipline this week. (I thank Pastor David Lose for this idea, I modified and share with you, today.)

Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11

Q: Jump from Jerusalem to 2020: What do we celebrate as having the potential to save us? Celebrities, political figures, athletes, technology, Presidential hopefuls? What do we do when we are disappointed in our hopes?

Prayer: Lord God, keep our attention on those things that nurture life and lead us to greater fellowship with you and with each other. Amen.

Monday: Matthew 26:1-16

Q: Where do we see hostility and betrayal in our world? Is there anything that would be worth it to you to betray a friend? What small betrayals have we been ensnared by your maneuverings, and how can we make amends for our wayward drifts?

Prayer: Lord God, prevent us from allowing our bitterness or disappointment to lead us to harm others whether in thought or deed. Amen.

Tuesday: Matthew 26:17-46

Q: What difference does the Lord's Supper make in our lives? Does the meal we share this coming Sunday nourish our lives in the world? If so, how? If not, how might it? When have you last seen someone who needed a tangible expression of God's love? How can you help that person realize how precious they are to God?

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for the gift of your own body and blood. Let that gift strengthen us in the knowledge that you love us more than anything. Amen.

Wednesday: Matthew 26:47-75

Q: What strengthens us to keep faith with those we care about? What tempts us to abandon them? Where have you felt abandoned? Why? Where do you need the support of good friends? Who needs you?

Prayer: Lord God, protect and preserve us in this world that we might keep faith with the promises and responsibilities we have undertaken, and when we feel alone remind us that you understand and are with us. Amen.

Thursday: Matthew 27:1-31

Q: Where do you see the struggle for power and the easy resort to defamation and violence in our world today? In what ways does fear poison our relationships at home and at work as well as in the larger world? What one thing would you ask God to change about your life or the world? How can you contribute to making that happen?

Prayer: Use us, Lord God, as instruments of peace in a world too often broken by violence and a thirst for power. Amen.

Friday: Matthew 27:32-56

Q: How does Jesus' death tell the truth about our lives and world? How does it give us hope? Where do you see God still at work to redeem and preserve creation? Where do you long to see God?

Prayer: Lord God, on the cross you suffered the very depths of our human life, even to the point of death. When we see the cross, let us remember that you became one of us and endured all elements of life to show us your great love and to give us hope. Amen.

Saturday: Matthew 27:57-66

Q: What needs reviving in your life? What makes it hard to turn this over to God and trust that God will bring you, too, through death to new life? Do you act as if every day is a resurrection day? Why or why not?

Prayer: Lord God, remind us of your presence with us when we stumble, suffer, or are afraid in any way. Give us strength, courage, and peace, and help us to be an encouragement and sign of life to others. Amen.



Sunday School Returns
Preschool - Ages 3-5
Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Sunday, October 4 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Our new Children's Church format begins!

Flowers

The flowers are in loving memory of Mitchell Stephens, given by his family Cheryl, Stacy, Parker, Mitchell John, Crystal, and Stephanie.

Flowers are needed for **October 25**. If you desire to provide flowers for this Sunday, please contact Karen in the church office.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831
Shirley Thompson is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Worship Attendance Report

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ 47 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ~ 5

Prayers for the People

Amberwood Manor: Laura Colvin; **Country Club Retmt. Center:** Larry Colvin; **Hennis Care** (Bolivar): Glo Jones; **Hennis Care** (Dover): Dawn Miller; **New Dawn:** Mary Lou Lahmers; **Park Village:** Earl Johnson.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Sept. 27	Steve Rondinella
Sept. 28	Jon C. Stingel
Sept. 29	Pam Duncan
Sept. 30	Dave Angel
Oct. 1	Eli DeHoff
Oct. 2	Aaron Coutts, Alyson McCarthy
Oct. 3	Steve Mastin

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Monday	7:30 AM	MMAS Trustees Meeting ó Living Room
	9-Noon	<u>M&W</u> Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement
	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Pastor's Office
	10:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	10:30-Noon	Hill Toppers Prayer Group @ Deis Hill
Tuesday	9-Noon	<u>T&Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
	2:00, 3:00, or 4:00 PM	<u>T&F</u> Front Porch Visits with Pastor John
	6-8:30 PM	<u>T&Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
Wednesday	6:30 PM	õCreating Sunday's Worshipö ó Sanct.
Thursday	8-8:00 PM	Luncheon Prep. ó Kitchen & S. Hall Wedding Rehearsal ó Sanctuary
Friday	11-1:00 PM	Luncheon ó Carry-out ONLY ó Kit/SH
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary Our new Children's Church format begins! Online worship is available each week.

Our Worship Opportunities



Family Worship Each Sunday

at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. ~ "Creating Sunday's Worship"

or Worship Online each week

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Our Fall season series:

"Ohio Roadwork" ~ Based on Isaiah 40:3-5

What does your spiritual road look like these days?

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Oct. 4 ~ World Communion

"The Roman and Eternal Road" – Revelation 22

The Rev. Dennis Rohn will bring the message.

Our Mission & Outreach Opportunities



Hill Toppers Prayer Group

by Pastor John B. Wallace



A new pandemic program sponsored by the First Moravian Church of Dover, in cooperation with the six Moravian churches in the Valley

Deis Hill in Dover on Mondays ~ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. + lunch
September 28, October 5 & 19
(Around an hour and a half together)

After our prayer time concludes, stay for a ~~pack~~ your own+ lunch for this prayerful hillside encounter! Water will be provided. Here we can breathe in the fresh Spirit of God and enjoy the blessings of God's marvelous creation as we pray for the world's needs and concerns. Should the weather not cooperate, we will not gather. A mask should be worn for the event as well.

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheons

by Susan Corder and Marcia Harding



The next Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be on **Friday, October 2,** from 11-1:00 p.m.

The luncheons will be **Carry-out ONLY** and **deliveries will be available to businesses with a minimum order of \$15 or more.**

The menu will be **soups, sandwiches and desserts.** Beginning with this luncheon, you can Pre-order quarts of soup. There is no dine-in until further notice. Proceeds from our luncheons help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheons a success. If you can help work, please contact **Marcia Harding, 330-343-2104,** or **Susan Corder, 330-204-0931.**

Dates for other Friday luncheons are as follows: **November 6, December 4, March 5, and April 9.** Plan to help work, support the luncheons, and let your friends know they can still get carry-out!



Schoenbrunn Community Moravian Church

Fruits of Fall Fest ~ Saturday, October 3 ~ 4-6 p.m.

\$5.00 includes: Sandwich, one side, dessert

Sloppy Joe, Hot Dog, Coney Dog, or Creamed Chicken

Baked Beans or Macaroni Salad; Apple, Pumpkin, or Chocolate desserts

Due to Covid-19 restrictions – Curbside service, only

