



July 22, 2018

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Sermon Text

Ephesians 2 : 11 - 22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

PRELUDE “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Hayes/Wagner

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Brethren, We Have Come to Worship” Arr. Sorenson

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.
Ephesians 2:19*

PRAISE SONGS

“Heart of Worship”

When the music fades, All is stripped away
And I simply come, Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth, That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within, Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you, It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you, It's all about you, Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express, How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, All I have is yours
Every single breath
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within, Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus (Repeat x2)

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home. Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"Lord, Hear Our Pray'r"

Heckman

WORSHIP IN OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY "The Church's One Foundation"

Wesley/Purifoy

SONG OF THANKS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER

ANTHEM

"O, Church Arise"

Arr. Mauldin

THE WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 2:11-22

MEDITATION

Aliens Brought Near

Chaz Snider

HOLY COMMUNION IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESSURECTION MBW p.209

POSTLUDE

"Triumphant Finale"

Bliss

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.



Serving Today

Elder Greeter: Alan McFadden **Trustee Greeter:** Peggy Crouse

Elder Greeter for July 29th: Vic Eckard

Trustee Greeter for July 29th: Michael Gwyn

Nursery Worker for Today, July 22nd: Daniel Irwin, _____

Nursery Workers for July 29th: Tracie Marshall, Daniel Jarrett

People for Whom We are Praying

Members: Marie Adams; Annie Boyd; Amanda Bowles;
Cindy Culverhouse; Ruth Long; Alice Pierce; Bett Warner;
Connie Wester; Jim Brookshire; Priscilla Johnson

Home Bound Members: Peggy Gimmon



Friends: Emily Burge; Ollie Moore, Cheryl Bain friends of Ruth Long and MaryAlice Adams; Rosemary Stewart, Jake Williams, Donna Williams's son; Judy West, friend of Beth Mabe; Marolyn Schauss; Ashley Conway, Marolyn Schauss' daughter.

Frances Collins entered the more immediate presence of her Savior on July 13, 2018. Please keep her family in your prayers.

AMC Opportunities for the Week

Tuesday July 24

9:30 AM Children's Symphony, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 25

5:30 PM Town Hall Dinner

6:00 PM Town Hall Meeting (See info next page)

Thursday, July 26

9:30 AM Children's Symphony, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Prayer in Prayer Room

9:15 AM Joyful Voices

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Community Worship Service – Fellowship Hall

Community Opportunities for the Week

**July 29: Consecration of Reverend Zach Dease – 3:00 pm at
Macedonia Moravian Church in Advance.**

Sanctuary Flowers Needed

Sundays are still available for flowers. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of someone on one of these dates (August 26, September 30, October 28, November 4 and 11) please contact Pat Nelson 336-775-1134 ~~ pabenelson@aol.com.

Ardmore Moravian Church

Town Hall Meeting

(Excerpted from the letter from the Joint Board. If you did not receive yours, please let us know, we have extra copies available.)

For almost a century our congregation has sought to be a light on the hill to the vibrant Ardmore neighborhood. The expansion of this light has been stalled as our congregation has wrestled through recent disagreements and frustrations, particularly related to Resolution 14. There is a need for further conversation, not only related to the resolution, but to come together and discuss the future of Ardmore Moravian as a continued light to this community. The board wants to invite everyone to join together and attend the Town Hall meeting so that we can dream together about being Christ's body, and hope together about proclaiming the Good News.

We will meet as a church body for a meal and town hall style meeting on Wednesday, July 25th from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. A brief outline of the discussion is as follows:

- Opening Prayer & Reading of Scripture
- What is the mission and purpose of our Church?
- How does Unity Synod relate to Resolution 14?
- How can we come together as a congregation?
- Invitation to move forward with united purpose and mission

The hope for this meeting is for it to be a launching pad for our future together as a congregation. Please be in prayer for our congregation as we approach this valuable and important conversation.

Welcome to Ardmore Moravian Church
“Where Communion and Community Come Together”

We are a Christ-centered fellowship of people bound by love of Jesus and one another. Our greatest hope is that God will be glorified through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We have gathered to worship; celebrating the eternal life won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection as promised in the Bible.

God has created and called us into relationship with Himself (communion) and with one another (community). We need the Lord, and we need each other. As you draw close to God, may you also grow in friendship with those around you. We believe God has gifted people in every age. So our worship is marked by a variety of styles and expressions of music, liturgy, prayer and proclamation. We seek to blend these expressions in a way that pleases God and edifies one another.

The Moravian Church, while unfamiliar to many, is actually one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. Our roots and heritage run deep, even one hundred years prior to the Great Reformation. Yet our sense of mission is alive and active *today* as we serve the Lord in ministry together.

Jesus said to His disciples, “...you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” At Ardmore Moravian we sincerely strive to live that promise. We worship, study the Holy Scriptures, fellowship and grow as disciples of Christ together here at the corner of Hawthorne and Academy. We ask the Lord then to send us out and employ us for His glory as we share the Gospel - the Good News of Christ - locally, regionally and globally.

If you are searching for a meaningful relationship with God and productive friendships with other people, you’ve come to the right place, “Where Communion and Community Come Together”.

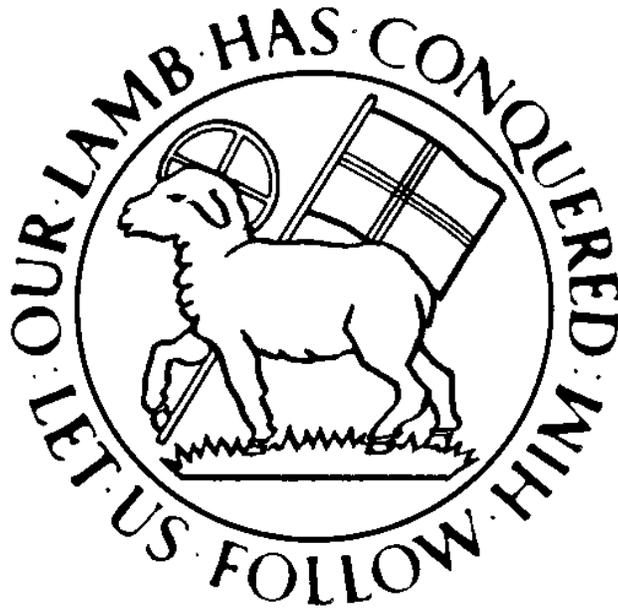
PREACHING SERIES: *NO LONGER STRANGERS*

July 22	Aliens Brought Near	Ephesians 2:11-22	Communion
*July 29	God's Powerful Love	Ephesians 3:14-21	
August 5	Bound Together	Ephesians 4:1-16	
August 12	Making Peace	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Communion
August 19	Overflow	Ephesians 5:15-20	
August 26	Suit Up	Ephesians 6:10-20	

*Fellowship Hall / Community Worship Service. Invite your friends!

Upcoming Community Worship Dates: September 30, December 30

Sermon Notes



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