

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Led by:	Rev. Alan Oppelaar
Choir Director:	Margaret Treiber
Musicians:	Carla Ryan, Vocals Bob Del Mar, Guitar Betsy Pecka, Piano Joseph Hernandez, Vocals
Assistant of the Day:	Ed Rogers
Usher:	Denis Plew
Greeter:	Donna Anderson
Liturgist:	Ann Chandler
Coffee Hour:	Louise Sivulan & Janis Davisson
Counters:	Linda Bryant-Smith & Marilyn Grass
Flowers:	
Communion Servers:	

Special thanks to those contributing their time and talents for our worship.

Servers for Next Sunday, July 28th

Assistant of the Day:	Lonny Holleman
Usher:	Barbara Deycous
Greeter:	Marilyn Bluhm
Liturgist:	Linda Bryant-Smith
Coffee Hour:	Jenni Bates
Counters:	Mary Mantz & Louise Ingebrigtsen
Flowers:	Maggie Reynolds
Communion Servers:	

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 21, 2019– 9:45am

HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD,
the firstborn of all creation.

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The United Methodist Church of Ephrata

“We Serve God by Serving Others”



WELCOME TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EPHRATA!

If this is your first time with us we'd like to thank you for visiting! If you did not receive a Welcome Brochure from a greeter when you entered be sure to pick one up from an usher as you leave. The brochure has more information on our church and its ministries.

At the time of our offering do not feel pressure to put anything in the offering plate. While you are welcome to give, you are our guest and we simply want you to enjoy your time with us!

Hearing assistance available. If you are hearing impaired and would like to use an assisted listening device, please request one from the ushers.

Prayer requests cards are located in the pew box. If you have a need or celebration, fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Don Dunn, pastor@umcephrata.org
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Church office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursdays 9am-12pm

<u>Happening Today!</u> Worship, 9:45am with Rev. Alan Oppelaar	<u>Monday, July 22</u> 
<u>Tuesday, July 23</u> Quilters, 9am 	<u>Wednesday, July 24</u> Newsletter Folding, 9am 
<u>Thursday, July 25</u> Community Dinner, 5:30pm	<u>Friday, July 26</u>
<u>Saturday, July 27</u>	<u>Sunday, July 28</u> Worship, 9:45am With Pastor Don Dunn Garden Oasis Service, 3pm



- Quilters, 9am July 30
- Memory Café Task Force, 10am July 30
- Bible Study, 2pm July 31
- Bob Miller's Service, 2pm Aug 3
- Office Closed Aug 5

Prayer List for the Week

Prayers for Health, Healing and Well-Being:

- Rayce & Tiffany Barnes
- Tabatha
- Susan Aldridge
- Julea Dunn
- Marie Marsh
- Dick Ross
- Francie Hernandez
- Shirley Johnson
- Kathleen Neuberger
- Kierra Smith
- Jeremy Warren
- Ralph Schonder
- Jessica Smith



Prayer requests for long term health problems:

Bob St. Clair Jr, Ed Sivula, Doug Jensen, Ron Gardner, Steven Grass, Brian Davisson, Renee Muse, Al Davisson, Steve Smith, Justin Townley, Gail Catlow, Joe Hatch, Eleanor Gausman, Dan Anderson, Randy Senn, Ed Warren, Marlene Fisk Warren, David Prince, Abbie Thorndike, Dennis Ackerman, Amy Torrens-Harry, Eric Moulton, Mike Dell, Tom Pheasant

Prayers for our military personnel at home, abroad, and their families: Chris Wash, Kevin Harmon, Michael Oliveira, Lane Jensen



*New items are listed in **bold print**.*

- **We would like to Thank Rev. Alan Oppelaar for being our guest this Sunday and sharing the Word of God in Pastor Don's absence.**
- **Celebration of Life for Bob Miller will be held August 3rd at 2pm.**
- **Pastor Don Dunn will be out of the office until July 24th. Due to his absence there will be no Bible Study on Wednesday, the 24th.**
- **Newsletter Folding is this Wednesday, the 24th at 9am.**
- **Community Dinner is this Thursday, the 25th at 5:30pm. All are welcome.**
- **Free to Take...Christian Century, Christianity Today, and Sojourners publications are on the information table. Please feel free to take them.**
- **Celebrating Birthdays This Month:**
Mary Mantz (2nd), Camille Price (7th), Ray Ryan (7th), Denis Plew (8th), Louise Sivula (8th), Bob Bluhm (9th), Randy Senn (13th), Eleanor Hoople (16), Dolores Pheasant (17th), Ralph Boyden (18th), Samantha Downing (19th), Louise Ingebrigtsen (19th), Donna Jancura (26th) and Cameron McKnight (26th).
- **Celebrating Anniversaries This Month:**
Ken and Gail Slininger (11 years on the 5th),
Ray and Eleanor Hoople (71 years on the 24th)



Lord Jesus Christ, "in [you] all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). Thank you for holding me together, for holding my loved ones, for holding our world. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome Announcements Friendship Pads

Call to Worship

Lead: In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

All: **Through him God was reconciled to all things,**

Lead: in heaven and on earth, even to us,

All: **that we might be holy and blameless before God.**

Lead: In awe and gratitude,

All: **let us worship the Lord our God.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: (Hymn) #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with
many things

and have not loved you with our whole heart
and strength.

We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the
weak to be oppressed.

We have been impatient in worship and insincere in
our dealings with others.

We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded
warnings of judgment.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

Free us from our habits of pride,

and make us steadfast in faith,

that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture: Psalm 52 (pew Bible page 405)

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-28 (pew Bible page 833)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Message: “The Reason For It All”

Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version: Hymnal Page 881

Hymn: (Hymn) #370 “Victory In Jesus

Prayers of the People

Offering

***Doxology**

***Closing Hymn: (TFWS) #2220** “We Are God’s People”

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Please join us for refreshments and
fellowship after worship!!!***

