

Unity Moravian Church
January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering for Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Joe Moore

Prelude

Falling Out of Heaven
Reserved Parking

K. Campbell

Proclaiming God's Word

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 782

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount-I'm fixed upon it- mount of God's redeeming love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Liturgy for the Installation of an Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. David Marcus

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who has made us all one.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens.

But we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given

grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

Dearly beloved, we are assembled to install Joe Moore as Pastor of the Unity Moravian congregation, upon appointment to this holy office by the Provincial Elders' Conference, at the request of the Church Board of this congregation.

The period between permanent pastorates is a time to review, reflect, and reassess the life, witness and mission of the congregation with a view to the future. The Provincial Elders' Conference and the Church Board have asked Brother Moore to fulfill the duties of pastor during this time and to lead the congregation as you continue to prepare for the service of a called pastor.

(The pastor being installed shall stand.)

Joe, do you promise in the presence of the Head of the Church and of this people that, by God's grace, you will endeavor in accordance with your ordination vows to carry out faithfully all your duties as pastor of this congregation, being careful at all times to conduct yourself as an ordained servant of Christ?

I do.

(The members of the Board shall stand.)

Do you, the officers of this congregation, now receive Pastor Joe Moore as pastor and shepherd of this flock?

We do.

Do you promise to respect, to pray for, and work with Joe in defending and upholding the doctrine and discipline of the church? And do you promise to provide him with appropriate emotional, spiritual, and financial support as he serves among you?

We do.

(The members of the congregation shall stand.)

Will you, the people of this congregation, now accept Pastor Joe Moore as your pastor? Will you encourage, respect, and pray for him as together you proclaim the Kingdom of God in this community?

We will.

As you covenant with each other and with God in this hour, I charge you the people of the Unity Moravian Congregation, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, they are the ones who bear much fruit."

Likewise, I charge you, Joe, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Chief Elder of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders' Conference, I declare Pastor Joe Moore to be duly installed as pastor of the Unity Congregation.

Let us pray.

(All shall sit while the officiant calls upon the Triune God to bless the pastor, the congregation, and the Church Universal.)

Hymn # 432

*We bid you welcome in the Name of Jesus,
our exalted Head.*

*Come as a servant; so he came
we shall receive you in his stead.*

*Come as a shepherd; guard and keep this fold from
all that fosters sin,
and nourish lambs, and feed the sheep,
the wounded heal, the lost bring in.*

*Come as a teacher, sent from God,
with his whole counsel to declare.
Our souls encourage with the Word,
while we uphold your hands with prayer.*

*Come as a messenger of peace,
filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
God bless your work, your strength increase,
and guide us all to heav'n above.*

Old Testament Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Jessy Burcaw
Gospel Lesson	John 21:15-17	
Special Music	Abide Reserved Parking	C.Newcomer/P.Palmer
Sermon	"Feeding Sheep"	Rev. Joe Moore
Hymn	Ready, Lord! I'm Ready, Lord	# 601

601 Ready, Lord! I'm Ready, Lord

A^b
D^b
A^b maj⁷
A^b 6
A^b maj⁷ D^b
A^b
D^b A^b maj⁷

1 Read - y, Lord, I'm read - y, Lord, to fol - low where you
 2 Feed your lambs, I'll feed your lambs and first of all with
 3 More than words, yes, more than words, I know you want from

E^b
A^b
D^b A^b maj⁷
A^b 6
A^b maj⁷ D^b

lead. Show me, Lord, just show me, Lord, the
 food; give them drink and com - fort them and
 me. Mov - ing, Lord, I'm mov - ing, Lord, I'm

A^b
D^b A^b maj⁷
E^b
A^b

ser - vice you will need. Read - y, Lord, I'm
 build their for - ti - tude; then I'll feed them
 mov - ing ea - ger - ly. Take my heart, and

Cm
Fm⁷
E^b sus
E^b 7

read - y, Lord, I'm read - y, come what may, so
 with the word you fed me with un - til they're
 take my hands, my feet, my life, my all. I'm

A^b
E^b 7
A^b
E^b 7
A^b
D^b
E^b 7
A^b

call me, Lord, just call me, Lord, and I'll be on your way.
 read - y, Lord, so read - y, Lord, to go and do your will.
 read - y, Lord, so read - y, Lord, to fol - low till I fall.

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 READY LORD

Responding to God

Worship by Giving

Get Together
Reserved Parking

C. Powers

Prayers for our Church, Community and World

Dana Myers

Prayer Response

My Heart Ever Faithful
J.S. Bach

Donna Shore

Following Our Lamb Into the World

Ministry Opportunities

Dana Myers
Jessy Burcaw

Hymn

I, Search for You, Lord

*I search for you, Lord, in the washing and churning of ocean's tide.
I look for your presence in all of the brightness of morning's sky.
I wander in fields of clover and flowers that smell so sweet.
I feel the brown earth and soft grass under my feet.*

*Lord, I know you're not far away. God, I reach for you each day.
You are my life, you are my way. You are my life, you are my way.*

*I stand in the city and notice the people who live and die.
I look in their faces and see the nothing of years gone by.
I weep for the heartache and all of the dreams that are shattered here.
I feel the dark shadows, the loneliness and the fear.*

*Lord, I wonder in all that is, and all of time,
will the power of love and peace be known to humankind?
Will oceans and skies and fields and flowers ever know
that we are here because you love us so?*

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Benediction

Rev. Joe Moore

Postlude

I Know Whom I Have Believed
Arr. A. Page

Donna Shore

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Unity Moravian is a living and active community of faith. Although we are not meeting for in-person services, our church is not closed!

According to Moravian teaching, these are the essentials:

- God's grace: God creates, God saves, God blesses us; and
- Our response: We respond in faith, love, and hope.

How are you living the essentials in your daily life? Join us at Unity Moravian as we explore what it means to be a Moravian Christian in today's challenging world.

Visiting with us for the first time? Email our Pastor, comment on our live stream, or send a Facebook message to let us know of your visit. We would love to meet you!

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Watchword Text for the Year: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

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