

# Canaan Moravian Church

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## Prelude

## Call to Worship

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- L: God is eager to put loving arms around us.  
God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.
- C: God fills the hungry with good things.  
Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**
- L: Set your minds on things that are above.
- C: God leads us to a new identity, to new life.  
We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

## Welcome and News of the Church Alive

**\*Hymn #648** Son of God, Eternal Savior

**\*Liturgy of Stewardship**— pg. 154

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

**Scriptures:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2: 18-23  
Colossians 3: 1-11  
Luke 12: 13-21

**Hymn #506** Holy Lord, Holy Lord

## Message

## Offertory/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**\*Hymn #652** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*\*Those that are able please stand.*

PASTOR  
ORGANIST FOR AUGUST  
HEAD USHER FOR AUGUST

Beth Rohn-Habhegger  
David Hoffman  
Virgil Hans

Thank you for joining us this morning for this time of worship. If you are visiting with us we encourage you to take a moment to sign our guest book. May you find your time with us a blessing.

*Pray for* Janessa Smith, Myrtle Nygard (Betty Schatzke's mom) as she transitions to her eternal home, Jo Ann (Tish Skarloken's mother) who is in transitional care to rebuild her strength to go home, Kim Lawrence (Erv Miller's daughter) who is undergoing treatment for bladder cancer, Margaret Renner (Pastor Eric's mother), Eva Hoaby (great-granddaughter of Carol Miller), Judy Belter, Ty Skarloken who has been deployed to Afghanistan, those in who are recovering from tornados, floods and severe storms.

**Sunday, August 4**

~ 9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
~ 10:30 AM Worship

**Thursday, August 8**

~ 11:30 PM Day at the Lake hosted by Gail Discher

**Sunday, August 11 – Celebration of Moravian Renewal**

~ 9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
~ 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Don't forget to check out our "Above & Beyond" board. It is an opportunity to give to the improvement fund above and beyond your weekly giving. Prayerfully consider taking and returning an envelope that has a dollar amount on it.

**Watchword for the Week:**

*"Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on earth."*

*~Colossians 3:2*

# Storing our encumbrances

We're all inclined to want to keep things. If we're living above a subsistence level, we may have things that we don't need, but they're too good to throw away. And so, when we move from one home to another, or when we clear out the home of a family member, we often make use of a commercial storage locker. In this materialistic culture, many people live by the creed: Get more stuff; store your stuff; protect your stuff. In Luke 12:13-21, Jesus gives us the first-century equivalent of storing our encumbrances. The rich man in the parable produced a bumper crop—way more than he needed to feed his family. The man's first thought was not, "How can I use my blessings to help my less fortunate neighbors?" but, rather, "Now I need bigger barns to store my stuff." His first priority was his life of anticipated ease.

In Exodus 16, God warns the Israelites not to gather more manna each day than they need for that day. They are to trust their Lord to provide sustenance for their journey.

If we have a trusting relationship with that same Lord, we have to reconsider our motivations when we anxiously hoard our material possessions. Like the man in Jesus' parable, we don't know how much time we have to live. But if we have a trusting relationship with our Lord, who wants all of God's children to live abundantly, we will learn to turn our stored encumbrances into shared blessings.

*Willie Israel, pastor, Rolling Hills Moravian Church,  
Longwood, Florida*

## The Moravian Church

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