



August 22, 2021 - 10:30 AM  
*Proper 16*

## Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place  
*Ps. 118:1*

L: Give thanks to our God, for God is good!

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

*Ps. 118:24*

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

*Jesus Paid It All*  
Dr. Craig Ralston

arr. Howard Helvey

Call to Worship

L: Please stand for our Call to Worship.

L: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

*Ps. 34:22*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

**(Please Remain Standing)**

Opening Hymn #659

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of our redemption,  
we confess that we have not been faithful servants.  
We have not served you with sincere hearts  
nor trusted in your salvation.  
We have forsaken you, the living God,  
and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols  
of worldly power and wealth.  
Forgive us our sin, O God.  
Lead us to heartfelt repentance  
that we may honor you with our lips  
and serve you with our lives;  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**(Silent Confession)**

L: Amen.

**(Please Stand)**

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Hear the good news:  
Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life  
to all who receive him. This proves his love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*John 6:68*

**P: Thanks be to God.**

L: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Passing of the Peace (please refrain from physical contact)

**(Please be Seated)**

Choir Anthem

*Walking With God*

Hummel/Cowper

Call to Offering

Offertory

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
Vocalists, Ryan Gastonguay & Dr. Craig Ralston

Susan Naylor Callaway

**(Please Stand)**

Doxology, Hymn # 668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

**The Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture *Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

**L:** The Word of our Lord.

**P:** **Thanks be to God!**

Response, Hymn #555

*I Love You, Lord*

I LOVE YOU LORD

**(Please Stand)**

Hymn of the Day #433

*I Surrender All*

SURRENDER

**(Remain Standing)**

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**(Please Be Seated)**

Prayers of the People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer in unison:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

Benediction

Postlude

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Dr. Craig Ralston

arr. Faye Lopez

**Assisting in Worship:**

Liturgist: Tommy Keenan

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon  
Larry and Shirley Culver

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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## **Welcome to Mountain Reformed Church!**

We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today! **The vision** of our church is to provide an open door to relationship with God for all through worship, teaching God's Word, and by celebrating with music and the arts. **Our mission** is simple: **All Glory to God!** Our church is independent and non-denominational, with a theology based in the reformed way of being Christian. Please see our website at [www.mountainreformed.org](http://www.mountainreformed.org) for more information about our church.

## **COVID-19 precautions:**

Mountain Reformed Church seeks to provide in-person worship while maintaining appropriate safety guidelines. According to CDC guidelines, it is recommended that you wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated for your own protection and the protection of others. Please continue to refrain from physical contact. If you are experiencing fever or symptoms, please stay at home.

## **Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on the welcome card in your bulletin. Bonnie Pettit coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email. [counselorchick1@yahoo.com](mailto:counselorchick1@yahoo.com)

## **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers in several areas to help facilitate worship:

If you would like to help, please let us know! We need Ushers, Liturgists, Coffee Fellowship Helpers, Setup Assistants, Sound Technicians and Camera Operators.

**Flowers** - Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart.

## **Non-Profit Corporation Status**

We are diligently working to get approval for non-profit, 501(c)(3) status. Until that time your gifts will not be tax deductible, but we need your support. We are making progress! Mountain Reformed Church is now active as a Non-Profit Corporation with the Arizona Corporation Commission. We now have an employee ID number and bank account. Our form and supporting documents for the 501(c)(3) has been filed with the IRS. We hope to have good news to report soon! **Please make all checks payable to Mountain Reformed Church.**



## **New Digital Piano Opportunity**

The keyboard that we have been using for worship is a very basic, inexpensive keyboard and the sound quality and playing experience leaves much to be desired.

A generous donor has offered to match our gifts up to \$1,200 so that we can purchase a better-quality instrument. The cost of this new digital piano is \$2,500 and a hard case with wheels will cost \$500. **As of this printing we have already received \$1,000, so we only need \$800 more to reach our goal.**

You can donate online (select music fund if you are using Paypal), send a check to 2680 W Road 1 S, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, or bring your gift to church on Sunday. Any gifts in excess of the need will be kept in the Music Fund and applied to future Music Ministry needs and events like our Advent Cantata.

**Thanks so much for considering this opportunity to help!**

**8/15/2021 Worship Attendance: 69**  
**Bank Balances as of 8/18/2021: \$9,348**

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget

<b>Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget</b>	(reflects our current operating expenses, not all projected expenses)		
	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annually</b>
Auditorium Rental	\$300.00	\$1300.00	\$15600.00
Choir Room (Civic Center 331)	\$30.00	\$130.00	\$1560.00
Internet Presence (Website, email, streaming license, etc.)	\$17.31	\$75.02	\$900.28
Video Editing	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Printing	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$3120.00
Licensing (Church Copyright License)	\$6.44	\$27.92	\$335.00
Music Expenses (choir music, congregational arrangements, ensemble music)	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Insurance	\$14.77	\$64.00	\$768.00
Joseph Place, Pastor of Worship	\$100.00	\$433.00	\$5200.00
Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music	\$100.00	\$433.00	\$5200.00
Pianists/ Accompanists	\$200.00	\$867.00	\$10400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1128.52</b>	<b>\$4889.94</b>	<b>\$58683.28</b>