



August 29, 2021 - 10:30 AM  
*Proper 17*

## Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place

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

*Ps. 118:1*

**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

Laura Turner

Call to Worship

L: Please stand for our Call to Worship.

L: Who may abide in the presence of God?

*Ps. 15:1-2*

**P: Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

L: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**P: All those who speak truth from their heart.**

L: Let us worship God!

**(Please Remain Standing)**

Opening Hymn #339

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**P: God of light,  
we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy  
and self-righteousness.**

*Jas. 1:17*

**We honor you with our lips, but we have not  
served you in our hearts.**

*Mark 7:6*

**We are satisfied with human traditions and norms  
and avoid your liberating truth.**

*Mark 7:7–8*

**We have confused meekness with weakness,  
holiness with social conformity,  
and anger with righteousness.**

*Jas. 1:19–20*

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**By the power of your word  
save us from the prison of our conceit  
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Jas. 1:20*

**(Silent Confession)**

L: Amen.

**(Please Stand)**

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, do not despair:  
God renews us by the word of truth,  
that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Jas. 1:18*

**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

*Jubilate*

W.A. Mozart

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Panis Angelicus*  
Leah Morales

Cesar Franck

**(Please Stand)**

Doxology, Hymn # 668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

**The Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture *James. 1:17-27*

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Response, Hymn #529

*Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

Sermon

*“Doers of the Word”*

Pastor Joseph Place

**(Please Stand)**

Hymn of the Day #488

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

**(Remain Standing)**

Affirmation of Faith

**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

Laura Turner



Today's flowers are in celebration of  
Tommy & Geraldine Keenan's 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Assisting in Worship:**

Liturgist: Leah Morales

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

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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Be  
Doers  
of the  
Word...

## **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.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will meet for breakfast on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Sally B's Café next to Safeway in Prescott Valley. Come and join us!

## **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.**

**8/22/2021 Worship Attendance: 81**  
**Bank Balances as of 8/25/2021: \$9,420**

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>