



September 5, 2021 - 10:30 AM
Proper 17 – The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
and stand in grace through Jesus Christ.
May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Rom. 5:1–2

P: And also with you!

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.
Here at the feast of God’s holy word and holy meal,

**P: eyes and ears are opened so that we may all
be made glad and filled with hope.**

L: Let us worship God!

(Please Remain Standing)

Opening Hymn #394

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**P: Almighty and compassionate God,
every day, in our desire to
attain our wants,
avoid discomfort,
and shun those we do not know or love,
we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life.
Of this we are sorely aware,
and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit,
that we will be able, through your help,
to walk in the way you intend for us.
Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, *Mark 7:37*
our merciful God lifts our burdens from us,
removes the failures of our past,
and turns us to new life.
You are forgiven.
Walk in peace.

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

Lord, Have Mercy
John Worman, Violin

Merkel/Larson

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ei Helsing Frå Mor
Sue Boyce, solo; Katie Staudt & Eileen Klein, handbells;
Jim Klein, accompanist

Sveinung Hølmebakk

(Please Stand)

Doxology, Hymn # 668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily

food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Response, Hymn #381

Make Me a Servant

SERVANT

Sermon

“Faith without Works is Dead”

Pastor Joseph Place

(Please Stand)

Hymn of the Day #422

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

ELLESDIE

(Please be Seated)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

(Please Remain Seated)

Communion Hymn #405

In Remembrance

RED

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer: #43

The Lord’s Prayer

MALOTTE

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.

L: These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(take the bread and eat together)

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

(take the cup and drink together)

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of
the risen Lord, until he comes. Thanks be to God for these gracious gifts! Let us
pray:

L: Creator of all, just as this broken bread was first scattered upon the hills,
then was gathered and became one,

**P: so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

P: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

P: and forget not all God's benefits.

L: We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Benediction
Postlude

Laura Turner

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Ryan Gastonguay
Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon
Larry and Shirley Culver
Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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Flowers for today are in celebration of Sheri Simpson's birthday, which is today!

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 for more information about our church.

Benevolence Offering

On each Communion Sunday, we will now be receiving a Benevolence Offering for those in need in our community. There will be a basket at the door as you exit for this purpose. Small gifts will multiply and accomplish great things!

Songs from the Farm – Second Friday of each Month

Songs from the Farm has returned! We will be having a gathering on the second Friday of each month when weather permits. Status will be announced by email and on the Mountain Reformed Church FaceBook page. We will gather a half hour before sunset. Our first gathering will be Friday, September 10th at 6:15 PM at the home of Joe and Debbie Place, 2680 W Road 1 S in Chino Valley, 86323. Keep an eye on your email and FaceBook for more details!

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Ministry

Save the date: The women of Mountain Reformed Church will be meeting on Saturday, September 11 at Thirdshot Coffee at the Gateway Mall. The meeting will start at 1pm, but feel free to come early to have lunch. All women are welcome. For more information, email Sheri Simpson at charlieandsheri@gmail.com.

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

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.**

8/29/2021 Worship Attendance: 74
Bank Balances as of 8/31/2021: \$9,499

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget	(reflects our current operating expenses, not all projected expenses)		
	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
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
Total Expenses	\$1128.52	\$4889.94	\$58683.28