



September 19, 2021 - 10:30 AM
Proper 20

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place

L: Blessings to you, servants of God.

Ps. 134

P: We lift up our hands and bless the Lord!

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

Ps. 118:24

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prelude

This Is My Father's World (Hymn #46)
Dr. Craig Ralston

Arr. Faye López

Call to Worship

L: Please stand for our Call to Worship.

L: Little children, the one who welcomes you
is here in Word, bread, wine, and baptism.

**P: Little children, young and old,
welcome to the place of hope!**

L: Little children, Jesus calls us all into the circle of his arms. Come!

P: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us worship God!

(Please Remain Standing)

Opening Hymn #446

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**P: O God, who makes known to us all truth,
we confess that we are weighed down by our failings:
envy distances us from other people;
greed alerts us only to our own desires.
Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts.
Where you call us to give, we take.
Where your presence beckons, we resist.
Deal with us not as we deserve, O God,
but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea.
The Lord desires for you a welcome
into the blessed community of freedom and light.
You are forgiven.
Remember the poor and the outcast,
welcome the child,
and you will know, as well, your own welcome,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Creator of all things, now and forever.

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

If My People Will Pray

Arr. Keith Christopher

Call to Offering

Offertory

Look What You've Done
Lyndi Peacock

Tasha Layton

(Please Stand)

Doxology, Hymn # 668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Response, Hymn #342

Thy Word

THY WORD

Sermon

"Who is the Greatest"

Pastor Joseph Place

(Please Stand)

Hymn of the Day #536

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

(Remain Standing)

Affirmation of Faith

L: Let us affirm our faith by reading together the words of the Apostles creed:

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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.**

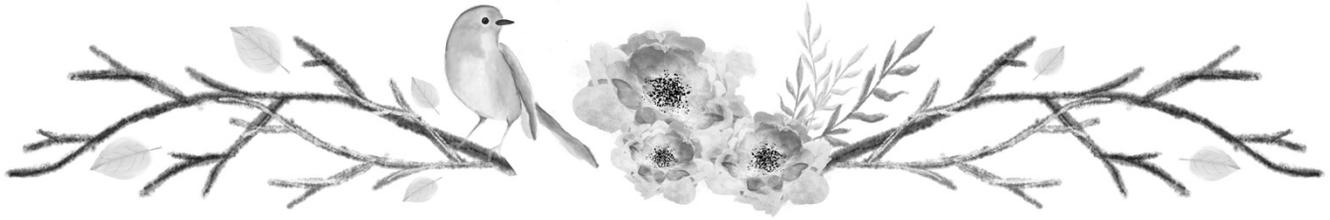
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Benediction

Postlude

I Am Thine, O Lord (Hymn #535)

Arr. Faye López



Today's flowers are in celebration of the 69th anniversary Ardy and Bert Thorstad.

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Lyndi Peacock

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 for more information about our church.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are still available for you to pick up, fill and return to MRC on or before October 3. Keep praying for this wonderful project!

Women's Book Study – “The Journey”

The women of Mountain Reformed Church will be reading and discussing “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton (purchase from Amazon or other sources), a book about the birth of Jesus Christ. The first meeting is Saturday, October 9th at the home of Joe and Debbie Place, 2680 W Road 1 S, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. You should read chapters 1 & 2 for the first meeting. Lyndi Peacock will be your Tour Guide! See Lyndi if you have questions.

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 45 minutes before sunset at the home of Joe and Debbie Place, 2680 W Road 1 S in Chino Valley, 86323. Keep an eye on your email and our [FaceBook page](#) for more details!

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.**



*“Love the **LORD** your
God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your strength.”*

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

9/12/2021 Worship Attendance: 59
Bank Balances as of 9/15/2021: \$8,143

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