



October 31, 2021 - 10:30 AM
Proper 26

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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
(Hymn# 454)

arr. Howard Helvey

Call to Worship

L: Please rise for our call to worship.

L: Happy are they
whose way is blameless,

Ps. 119:1

P: who follow the teaching of the Lord.

L: Let us worship God!

(Please Remain Standing)

Opening Hymn #656

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**P: Holy God, giver of all good things,
we have failed to live in thanksgiving
for Earth, for our families, for neighbors,
and for strangers,
for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the
soil that grows our food.
Forgive us for sins against you, your creation,
and our neighbors,
through disobedience to your will in word and deed.
Teach us to love the way of blamelessness
and to be happy in your steadfast love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: For the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose for us,
God forgives you all your sin.

**P: Through the power of the Holy Trinity alive in our midst,
God's mercy turns us toward what is good and just
so that we may love God and love our neighbors.**

L: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Passing of the Peace (please refrain from physical contact)

(Please be Seated)

Choir Anthem

To God Be the Glory

arr. Mary McDonald

Call to Offering

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth
Dr. Craig Ralston and Ryan Gastonguay, Duet

arr. Craig Curry

(Please Stand)

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Deut. 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Response, Hymn #10

Abba Father

ABBA FATHER

Sermon

“The Great Commandment”

Joseph Place

(Please Stand)

Hymn of the Day #479

Close to Thee

CLOSE TO THEE

(Remain Standing)

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible (Hymn #56)

arr. Howard Helvey



Flowers today are in honor of Jean Risdon's husband, Earl, who would have been 90 years old today.

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Debbie Place

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.

Men's Breakfast –

The men of MRC will meet for breakfast this Monday, November 1 at 8:00 AM at Sally B's Café next to Safeway in Prescott Valley. Come and join us!

MRC Bulletin and Weekly Email

Would you like to place an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or **“This Week at Mountain Reformed Church”** email? Please send your info to josephplace@mountainreformed.org. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

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 meet at the home of Joe and Debbie Place, 2680 W Road 1 S in Chino Valley, 86323.

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 recently received word that the IRS has assigned an agent to our application.** We hope to have good news to report soon! **Please make all checks payable to Mountain Reformed Church.**

10/24/2021 Worship Attendance: 59
Bank Balances as of 10/27/2021: \$11,928

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	\$415.00	\$1800.00	\$21600.00
Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music	\$100.00	\$433.00	\$5200.00
Pianists/ Accompanists	\$200.00	\$867.00	\$10400.00
Total Expenses	\$1443.52	\$6256.94	\$75083.28