



August 21, 2022 - 10:30 AM
Proper 16

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

L: Blessings to you, servants of God.

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

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

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prelude

Be Still My Soul
Dr. Craig Ralston

arr. Marilyn Ham

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: The Lord will guide you continuously
and satisfy your needs in parched places;
you shall be like a watered garden,
whose spring never fails.

Isa. 58:11

**P: With thanksgiving and praise,
let us worship God.**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #578

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of Life,
you come to us as a consuming fire,
and the one who has consecrated us before time.**

*Heb. 12:28, 29; Jer. 1:5;
Luke 13:13*

**You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken
and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.**

**But we forget,
and yield to fear.**

**We trust in the tangible rewards of this world,
and neglect your promises.**

**We confess that we are a divided people;
we foster separations and widen rifts
in our families, our communities, and in the world.**

**Open us to your healing.
Free us from all that distances us from your presence.
Give us your grace
and inspire us to serve you with courage;
through Jesus Christ who comes to save.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Anthem

Lullaby Prayer (A Prayer for Children)
Leah Morales, soloist; Sarah Walder Amata, cello

Heather Sorenson

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
Sarah Walder Amata, cello

Duane Funderburk

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,
“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response, Hymn #44

He Knows My Name

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Prayer for Illumination

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” ¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

P: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Give God Elbow Room”
The Rev. Dr. Dan Storvick

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #479

Close to Thee

CLOSE TO THEE

(Please 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Sarah Walder Amata, cello

Duane Funderburk

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Larry Culver

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon

Larry & Shirley Culver, Mike Vest & Lolly Platt

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Give God Elbow Room

Luke 13:10-17

Pastor Dan Storvick

Jesus Both Taught and Acted Out God's Will

He was teaching (13:10).

What's Your Problem?

Is it Emotional, affecting your outlook, your thought life, or your attitudes?

And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit . . . (13:11).

What spirit hinders you?

Is it Physical, causing your pain or disability?

. . . that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself (13:11).

Is it Relational, separating you from those to whom you should be closest?

. . . this woman [is] a daughter of Abraham (13:16).

Is it Spiritual, affecting your relationship with God?

. . . whom Satan bound for eighteen long years (13:16).

Start With the Basics

Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven (Matthew 9:2).

God Wants to Heal You.

Jesus . . . said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God (10:12-13)

- *I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you, not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

- *I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live (Ezekiel 18:32).*

- *God . . . desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3 4).*

Give God Elbow Room--HIS Rule, Not Ours

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day" (13:14).

Elbow Room and Trust

And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief (Mark 6:5 6)

Diagnosis: Are you clear on God's diagnosis?

Method. My way or God's way?

Miracle? Patience? Strength? Peace? Interim relief? Ultimate healing?

Time: Are you giving God the time to do his work?

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1.6).

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.

Call for Donations

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) is experiencing a high volume of residents at this time with many of them being children. Due to the high numbers, additional needs have been expressed by the PASS coordinator who works with meal providers. Our women's ministry has been working with the shelter for a number of months on meals, and this information came over to us through that established connection. If you feel moved to donate items to help with these additional needs, Lyndi Peacock 928-899-2085 lyndi@milehighlending.com will act as our point of contact for delivering items to the shelter. Bringing your items to worship would work out great! If you would like your items to be delivered to PASS sooner than Sunday, please reach out to Lyndi to arrange this. Cash donations are also welcome. The list of items needed is as follows:

- breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal, fruit, etc)
- snack foods for the kids to take to school
- gift cards for the parents to help prepare their kids for school
- body lotion
- 13 gallon trash bags
- large black garbage bags
- conditioner
- paper towels
- laundry detergent

Pastor on Call

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm will be the Pastor on Call for the month of August. If you would like to get in touch, feel free to email eugenegrimm@me.com or call 928-925-6057.

MRC Name Badges

If you would like an MRC name badge, please send your name as it should appear to Mary Bricker: marybricker18@gmail.com and she will have one made.

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 Emily Lawhead at ejlawhead@gmail.com. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

Prayer cards are now available at the usher’s table. If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on your welcome card. Lyndi Peacock coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email: lyndi@milehighlending.com. You can also call or text Lyndi at 928-899-2085.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls serve as a tangible reminder of God’s love for those who are walking through difficult times. A prayer shawl can bring great comfort! Shawls can also be given in celebration of milestones such as graduations, weddings, and new babies. Our shawls are lovingly created by Sharon Tom, Barbara Poland, Sheri Simpson, and Debra Ochoa. Please let us know if you have someone who needs a prayer shawl! Recipients do not have to be local. Anyone with a love for knitting or crochet is welcome to participate in this ministry as well. Please email Sharon: sharonctom@yahoo.com.

Card Ministry

Cards for encouragement, celebration, sympathy, get well, birthdays, and more can be mailed out via our Card Ministry. Sheri Simpson, Carolyn Peterson, Lyndi Peacock, and Beth Wingate are coordinating this ministry and can always use donations of cards and stamps. Please let us know if you have someone whose day would be brightened by receiving a card from Mountain Reformed Church! Please email Sheri: charlieandsheri@gmail.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.

8/14/2022 Worship Attendance: 61
Bank Balances as of 8/17/2022: \$27,104