



November 13, 2022 - 10:30 AM
Proper 28

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

Kum-Ba-Yah
David Ice, harp

arr. MacDonald

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

Isa. 12:5-6

**P: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

**P: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.**

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship
the God of all creation!

P: Let us worship God!

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #13

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy,

**we confess that we have not been obedient sons
and daughters.**

**We have grown idle in the work of discipleship
and weary in doing what is right.**

**We have been selfish in our actions and insistent
in claiming our rights.**

**We have not honored the tradition of the apostles,
or imitated the example of your saints.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Show us the way of repentance,

free us from our idle ways,

and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of

Jesus Christ,

through whom we pray.

2 Thess. 3:6-13

(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

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

John Leavitt

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas, arr. Ice

David Ice, harp

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

Reading of Scripture

2 Thessalonians 3:1-16

3 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response, Hymn #596

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Luke 21:5-28

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon “Oh Bummer! When Will These Things Be?”
The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #596

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

(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

Gloria!
David Ice, harp

Frank Voltz

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Sheri Simpson

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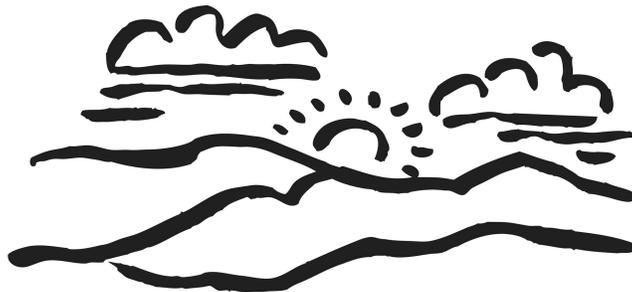
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"My words will not pass away."

LUKE 21:33, NRSV

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.

Facility Update

We are growing! MRC is now looking for a semi-permanent location and we are creating a facility fund to support this effort. If you would like to contribute, please write "facility fund" on your offering envelope. We value your input and financial support to help this happen!

Space Needs

MRC is in need of at least a single garage-sized space to meet our current storage needs. Please contact Tom Ruloff if you have space available or have connections to a feasible option.

Advent Cantata

Our Advent Cantata this year, John Rutter's *Magnificat*, will be on Sunday, December 4. We are now accepting offerings for our music fund to help support this service, with a goal of raising \$6,000 to cover costs and support our valued musicians. Our cantatas are an important part of our music ministry, and we appreciate your support in making it happen.

Daily Texts 2023

The 2023 edition of *Daily Texts* is now available for ordering. Go to GroundUpGrace.com or call 763-260-1507 to order. \$13.95 plus postage. If you would like more information about this text, please contact the Rev. Dr. Dan Storvick (dastorvick@gmail.com or 928-710-0835).

Pastor on Call

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm will be the Pastor on Call for the rest of the calendar year. 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.

11/6/2022 Worship Attendance: 78
Bank Balances as of 11/8/2022: \$37,306