



February 12, 2023 - 10:30 AM
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you!**

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

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River (Hymn #604)
Dr. Craig Ralston

arr. Joel Raney

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who seek God with their whole hearts.

Ps. 119:1-2

P: **Let us worship God!**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #346

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;
we have turned our hearts away from you.**

Deut. 30:15-20

**Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism
disorders our love of you and each other.**

**Forgive us, God,
and mend what is broken,
that we may be one with you.**

(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

Walking with God

Joshua Hummel

Call to Offering

Offertory

Leah Morales & Dr. Craig Ralston

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

3 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. **2** I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, **3** for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving

only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response, Hymn #388

Make Us One

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

“Problems in the New Town!”

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #391

We Are Called to Be God’s People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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:

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

L: ... Loving God,

P: **Help us to turn our hearts toward you.**

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

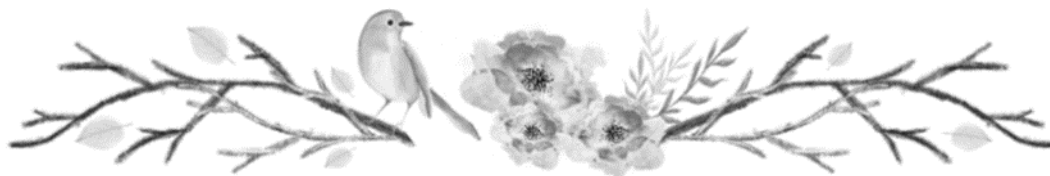
Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn #13)

arr. Joel Raney

Dr. Craig Ralston



Flowers today honor Barb Poland for her birthday. “Our family is truly blessed to celebrate Barbara Poland's birthday. When our family celebrates this amazing woman, we celebrate her grace, tenacity and love. She is incredibly supportive and an inspiration to all she loves, proving that kindness and an unwavering faith in God is the true secret to living a beautiful life. We love her so dearly and invite her church family to join us in wishing her a wonderful birthday.”

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Linda Hoover

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon
Larry & Shirley Culver, Mike Vest & Lolly Platt
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.

Let Go for Lent

Let go for Lent! The women's group of MRC once again is offering you the opportunity to relieve your crowded closets! On March 5th and 12th, we will hand out empty bags for you to fill with clean, gently used clothes and linens. Filled bags can be returned on March 19th and 26th. Collected items will be donated to the Stepping Stones, St. Vincent de Paul and DAV thrift stores, benefiting local people. As you plan your spring cleaning, please consider giving to this effort! For more information, contact Sheri Simpson. Thank you!

A Message from Joe and Debbie

We want to thank all of our dear friends at Mountain Reformed church for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy at the time of my mom's passing. We love you all and we miss you so much!

Love and Blessings,
Joe and Debbie Place

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website (www.mountainreformed.org) for service updates or cancellation notices.

Facility Fund

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.

Pastor on Call

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm is the Pastor on Call. 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.

2/5/2023 Worship Attendance: 78
Bank Balances as of 2/8/2023: \$35,351

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	\$80.00	\$347.00	\$4160.00
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
Guest Pastors	\$300.00	\$1300.00	\$15600.00
Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music	\$250.00	\$1083.00	\$13000.00
Pianists/ Accompanists	\$200.00	\$867.00	\$10400.00
Total Expenses	\$1498.52	\$6493.94	\$77923.28