



April 2, 2023 - 10:30 AM  
*Palm / Passion Sunday*

## 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!**

Introit

*Entrance into Jerusalem*

Wes Cameron

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Call to Worship

L: Please stand as you are able for our Call to Worship.

L: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**P: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

L: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*Ps. 118:26a*

**(Please remain standing)**

Opening Hymn #222

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

**(Please be seated)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,  
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,  
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.**

**We have looked to you for paltry favors,  
when you have given everything.**

**We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,  
and from your creation,  
the care and tending they deserve.**

**We have rejected the cornerstone you sent  
to build a people of righteousness even here, today.**

*Ps. 118:22*

**Forgive our failings.**

**Heal what we have broken,**

**nurture what we have neglected,**

**and lead us to your vision,**

**so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you;  
in Jesus' name.**

**(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 Palms ("Les Rameaux")*  
Jim Klein, baritone solo

J. Faure

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Embrace The Cross*  
Ryan Gastonguay, solo

John G. Elliott

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

**(Please be seated)**

## **The Word**

Reading of Scripture

*Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**L:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**(Please remain seated)**

Lenten Response

*Hosanna!*

Lyndi Peacock

Prayer for Illumination

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

"Expectations vs. Reality"

Lyndi Peacock

**(Please stand as you are able)**

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.**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

**L:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation  
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**P: Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

Giving of Communion

Prayers for the People

*(words of prayer, each petition followed by)*

**L:** ... God of mercy,

**P: Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer, Hymn #431

*The Lord's Prayer*

MALOTTE

**Our Father which 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.**

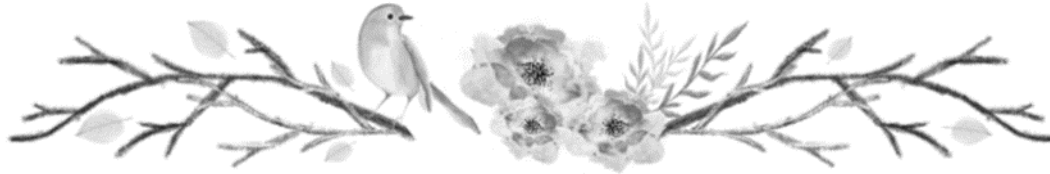
**Sending  
Charge**

Benediction

Postlude

*At The Cross*  
Dr. Craig Ralston

arr. Faye Lopez



Flowers today are in celebration of the joining in marriage of Karen Thorstad and Jim Johnson! Sheri has provided additional flowers this morning, "Sending thoughts and prayers for strength and patience as we transition to our new church home!"

**Assisting in Worship:**

Liturgist: Tommy Keenan

Ushers: 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](http://www.mountainreformed.org) for more information about our church.

## **Easter Celebration NEXT WEEK!**

On Easter Sunday, April 9, everyone is encouraged to bring a potted tulip. After the second service please feel free to take yours home to enjoy. Reminder that two services will be offered on Easter Sunday at 9am & 11am. The service will feature full symphony orchestra and our fabulous Sanctuary Choir with a special message delivered by Rev. Gene Grimm. Please invite your family and friends! If you would like to contribute to this special service, please designate those offerings to the “music fund”.

## **MRC Men’s Breakfast**

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will gather for their monthly breakfast this Monday, April 3. All men are encouraged to meet at 8am at Zeke's Eatin' Place in the Frontier Village Shopping Center. Hope to see you there!

## **Let Go for Lent**

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously participated in this project. The MRC family was able to donate **103 bags** of gently used clothing and linens to DAV, St. Vincent de Paul, and Stepping Stones thrift stores.

## **Become a Member of Mountain Reformed Church!**

Mountain Reformed Church is establishing a membership. All who are interested or desire to become a member of Mountain Reformed Church are encouraged to add your name to the sign-up sheet at the usher’s table. This is a crucial and exciting step in the development and establishment of our congregation. More details about membership will be coming soon!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Ryan Gastonguay at [ryan@mountainreformed.org](mailto:ryan@mountainreformed.org). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**3/26/2023 Worship Attendance: 81**  
**Bank Balances as of 3/29/2023: \$61,696**