



April 9, 2023 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Easter Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

Morning Praise

arr. David Winkler

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Sin and death shall reign no more.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Let this place resound with joy.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Let us worship God!

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today arr. B. Buda / S. Hamilton

Choir and Congregation

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Choir only

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Choir and Congregation

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

(Please be seated)

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Phillip Keveren

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection.**

Col. 3:1

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

**We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.**

**Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize
your presence.**

John 20:11

**Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know
you with confidence.**

John 20:16

**Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.**

**Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,
keep our minds on your reconciling love.**

**Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers
of oppression.**

**Forgive us our sin
and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Anthem

Our Hope Is Alive

Josh Sparkman

Call to Offering

Offertory

God So Loved the World

arr. Lari Goss

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be seated)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

P: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Easter Victory”

Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm

Anthem

Is He Worthy?

arr. Dan Forrest

Scott Neese (baritone) & Linda Hoover (soprano)

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

Crown Him With Many Crowns

arr. Jeff Cranfill

Choir and Congregation

(men) Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His Throne.

Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

(women) Awake my soul and sing, of Him who dies for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Choir Only

Crown Him the Lord of Life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Choir and Congregation

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.

Be Thou O Lord thro endless days adored and magnified.

(Please remain standing)

Affirmation of Faith

L: Let us affirm our faith by reading together the words of the Apostles' creed:

**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.

(Please be seated)

Prayers for the People

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

L: ... God of Resurrection,

P: **hear our prayer.**

**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

Charge

Benediction

Closing Easter Hymn Medley

Resurrection Joy

arr. Mary McDonald

“Thine Is the Glory”

Choir and Congregation

Thine is the glory, risen conq'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen conq'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won.

“The Day of Resurrection”

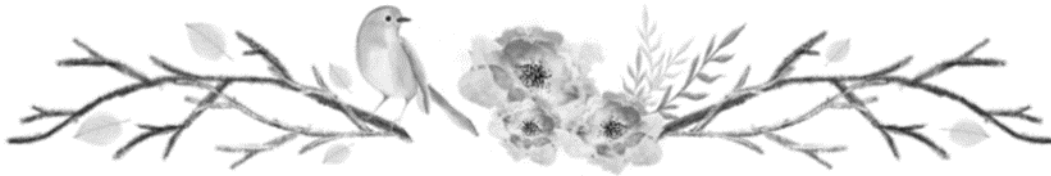
Choir and Congregation

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth her song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is there-in;
let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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Choir and Congregation

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
we with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise!



Flowers today are in joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. HE IS RISEN!

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor & Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm

Ushers: Beth Wingate & Sharon Tootle

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.

Easter Sunday Prayer of Meditation

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

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. **Please note that membership at another local congregation does not preclude you from also becoming a member of Mountain Reformed Church.** More details about membership will be coming soon!

Music Ministry

Do you have a heart for worship and desire to glorify God through marvelous uplifting music? The Sanctuary Choir of Mountain Reformed Church is always seeking new members. If you are musically inclined and have the ability to read music, consider joining the choir! Please contact our minister of music, Ryan Gastonguay at ryan@mountainreformed.org for more info.

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.

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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. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

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.

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

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. If you are seeking prayer please email Lyndi your request directly or fill out a prayer request card (available at the usher’s table) and place in the offering plate.

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.

4/2/2023 Worship Attendance: 68
Bank Balances as of 3/29/2023: \$53,967

