



ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 21, 2023 - 10:30 AM
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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!

Prayer of the Day

Prelude

Day By Day
in the style of Frederic Chopin

arr. Craig Courtney

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.

Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35

P: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

L: Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.

**P: From the sanctuary of heaven,
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

L: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.

P: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #56

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

**We confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.**

we are rebellious and weak;

we flee before your goodness.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ,**

**that we may rise up again in peace to love and
serve your world.**

(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

A Firm Foundation

arr. John Leavitt

Call to Offering

Offertory

I'll Fly Away

arr. Burt Szabo

Sunday Afternoon Barbershop Quartet

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be seated)

The Word

Reading of Scripture

Acts 1:6-14 (ESV)

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,

seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response Hymn #460

His Strength Is Perfect

HIS STRENGTH IS PERFECT

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

John 17:1-11 (ESV)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #93

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

SPARROW

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 for the People, concluded with The Lord’s Prayer in unison:

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

L: ... Fill us with your Spirit’s power,

P: **That we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with 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
Charge**

Benediction

Response

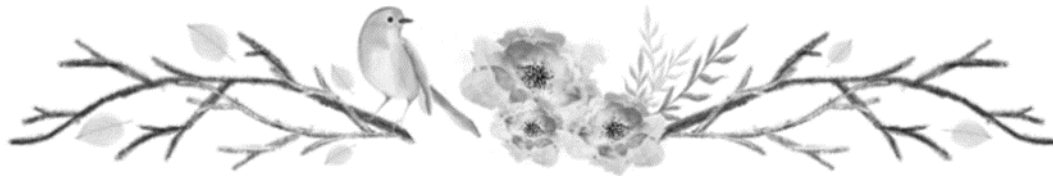
Threefold Amen

TRADITIONAL

Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation
in the style of Aaron Copland*

arr. Craig Courtney



Flowers today are in celebration of the 23rd anniversary of Pam and Murry Williams!

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Linda Hoover

Ushers: Larry & Shirley Culver

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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***A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS BULLETIN IS
AVAILABLE AT THE USHER'S TABLE.**

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.

Prayer of Meditation

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Facility Task Force

We are seeking interested volunteers to serve on a special task force to help define needs, plans, and costs for a full-time facility. Please contact Larry Culver if you are interested. If you would like to contribute financially towards this effort, please write "facility fund" on your offering envelope.

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.** Membership Sunday is June 4th! Please make plans to attend this very special service. A catered lunch will be provided following worship in celebration of this milestone event.

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.

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.

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.

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.

5/14/2023 Worship Attendance: 83
Bank Balances as of 5/10/2023: \$59, 203