



Mountain
Reformed Church

October 15th, 2023
20th Sunday After Pentecost



Your Church for Worship and the Arts!
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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.

Prayer of Meditation

Holy God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. Shift my focus today from whatever is false to that which is true; from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable; from whatever is corrupt to that which is just; from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure; from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing; from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable; that I may live in the light. Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, October 29 is our congregation's Consecration Sunday. We hope you plan to attend the two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following that same day (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner). Our journey toward Consecration Sunday is a spiritual-growth-oriented process and is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development. We will be contacting you personally to secure your commitment to attend. This is an exciting time for the MRC church family and we encourage you to be in prayer as we approach this special milestone event!

MRC Fellowship Brigade

Starting in November 2023, we are opening the opportunity to provide coffee and snacks for our fellowship time prior to worship! We do have a fellowship fund for the purchase of food and coffee. Volunteers are also welcome to donate their items if they choose. Signups will be by the month, and you are welcome to volunteer singly or in groups. Snack volunteers will be responsible for snacks only. Coffee volunteers will be responsible for picking up the coffee crate the Sunday prior to when they are providing coffee and informing Sharon Tom of any supplies that are running low (ground coffee, stirrers, sugar packets, creamers, napkins, cups). Coffee to fill the urns can be made by you or purchased pre-made. Beth Wingate is our coordinator for this project: bbs5829a@gmail.com 970-456-8763

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM
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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

Take My Life and Let It Be
(Hymn #534)

arr. Gina Sprunger

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

- L: You have been called to the banquet.
C: This is the feast.
L: You have been summoned to the wedding.
C: This is the feast of life and light.
L: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.
C: We have come to the banquet that has no end.
Alleluia! Amen!

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #578

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy 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

Take Time to Be Holy
Bob Enoch, clarinet

arr. Jay Rouse

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Paid It All
Lyndi Peacock, piano and voice

arr. Lyndi Peacock

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

Reading of Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9 (ESV)

1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response, Hymn #629

Through It All

THROUGH IT ALL

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

“Always”

Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #501

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL’S STORY

(Please remain standing)

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

L: Christians, what do you believe?

**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)

P: ... Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

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

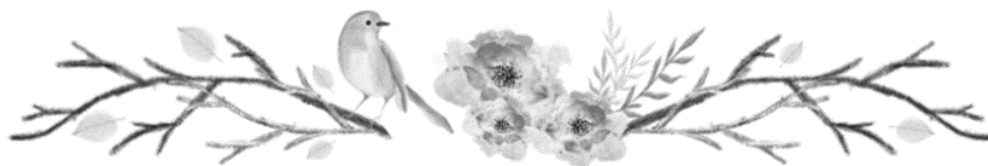
Threefold Amen

DUTCH

Postlude

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

arr. Joel Raney



Flowers today are in honor of Linda Hoover's granddaughter Marian's 8th birthday!

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Larry Culver

Acolyte: Rahab Gastonguay

Ushers: Beth Wingate & Judi Williams

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

10/8/2023 Worship Attendance: 89

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who filled shoeboxes this year! Please pray for the recipients of the boxes that they will discover the love of Jesus.

MRC Cantata Craft Sale

To raise funds for our Advent Cantata, the crafty creative folks of MRC will be selling their handmade goods on all 4 Sundays in November! Tables will be set out during coffee time to display items for purchase. If you would like to donate items for sale, please contact Amy Greenland.

NEW Directory Coming Soon!

Mountain Reformed church will be publishing a new church directory this fall. Please take a look at the draft directory located near the front and make sure your information is correct. If you are not currently in the directory and would like to be included please fill out a Welcome card at the ushers table and put "DIRECTORY" at the top of the card. You can also email Ryan at ryan@mountainreformed.org.

MRC Name Badges

If you would like an MRC name badge, please send your name as it should appear to Ryan Gastonguay: ryan@mountainreformed.org and he will have one made. **New name badges with our MRC logo have arrived and are now available for you to pick-up!**

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.

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.

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, Pam Rineholt, Amy Greenland, 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.

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Mountain Reformed Church Expense Forecast 2023

Mountain Reformed Church Financial Activity Summary (reflects our current operating expenses and general fund giving, not all designated giving & expenses)

	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
OFFERINGS (GENERAL FUND)	\$3,080.31	\$13,348.00	\$160,176.00
TOTAL FACILITY	\$793.00	\$3,436.00	\$41,236.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$1,575.00	\$6,828.00	\$81,920.00
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$462.00	\$2,002.00	\$24,020.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$213.50	\$930.00	\$11,160.00
Total Expenses	\$3,043.50	\$13,196.00	\$158,336.00

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