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Mountain

Reformed Church



Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED

Alleluia

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

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life. Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

MRC Men's Breakfast TOMORROW!

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will meet for their monthly breakfast and fellowship on Monday, April 1st at 8am at Zeke's Eatin' Place in the Frontier Village Shopping Center. All men are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

MRC Women's Workshop April 6th – DEADLINE TODAY!

The women of MRC will be holding a Workshop 9am-2:30pm on Saturday April 6th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 7763 E Long Look Dr Prescott Valley AZ 86314. The cost of attendance is \$25, and checks can be made payable to Mountain Reformed Church with Women's Workshop in the memo line. A registration form can be found at the Usher's Table with further details.

MRC Women's Ministry Meetup April 13th 1pm

The women of MRC will be meeting at the home of Julie Ruppert on Saturday April 13th at 1pm! All women are invited and encouraged to attend. If you need further information, please reach out to Lyndi Peacock 928-899-2085 lyndi@milehighlending.com

MRC To Present Spring Cantata "O How Glorious" on May 5th!

The music ministry of MRC is excited to announce that our spring cantata "O How Glorious" will take place on Sunday May 5th, with services at 9am and 11am. This inspirational music and worship celebration will feature the works of Mack Wilberg, Barlow Bradford, John Rutter, Philip Stopford and Ola Gjeilo by our outstanding sanctuary choir and orchestra.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 31, 2024 – 10:30 AM
Easter Sunday

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

- L: Blessings to you, servants of God.
C: **We lift up our hands and bless the Lord!**
L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prayer of the Day

Introit

Easter Introit
Sanctuary Choir

John Ferguson

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #274

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

(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

Resurrection Hymn

Getty / arr. Steven Strite

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Christ Arose

arr. G. Michael Eldridge

Sunday Afternoon Barbershop Quartet

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Response Hymn #278

I Live

I LIVE

Sermon

“A Tale of Two Skunks:
Camper and Scamper”

Pastor Dan Storvick

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #138

Thine Is the Glory

MACCABEUS

(Please remain standing)

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

L: Christians, what do you believe?

**WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
WE BELIEVE in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

P: ... God in your mercy,

C: **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

Response

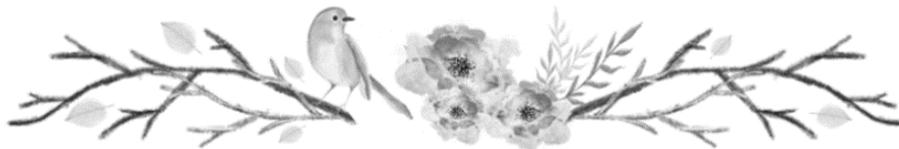
Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

Lift High The Cross

arr. Sondra K. Tucker



Flowers today are provided by the members of Mountain Reformed Church in celebration of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

MRC Easter Brass Ensemble:

Trumpet I: Cindy Gould

Trumpet II: Luis Morales

French Horn: Leah Morales

Trombone: Joshua Kirchoff

Timpani: Clydene Dechert

Percussion: Max Behymer

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Nancy Smith

Acolyte: Tubal Gastonguay

Ushers: Beth Wingate & Judi Williams

Sound Technician: Fred Williams

Camera Operator: Charlie Simpson

Coffee Fellowship: Beth Wingate

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

**A Tale of Two Skunks:
Camper and Scamper**
Easter Sunday
Mark 16:1-8; Galatians 5:1
Pastor Dan Storvick

Two Skunks In A Trap.

Scamper scrams to freedom. Why? Freedom beckons; hunger bids.

Camper remains. Why? Disbelief? Disorientation? Shell-shock? Defend his space? Dig his way out?

WE Are Like The Trapped Skunks

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me (Psalm 51:5).

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9).

I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing (Romans 7:19).

Trapped By Name *your* traps.

I won't believe it unless I see . . . (John 20:25).

Your own doubts? Paralyzed by fear? Shamed into inertia by guilt? A grudge? Doubts about your future? Resentments from the past? Disbelieving that you really are trapped—or really free/

Determined to work your own way out. Comfortable with life in the in the trap?

Angry at the one who trapped you?

The Trap Door Is Opened. Jesus sets you free. What does freedom look like to you?

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives (Luke 4:18).

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom. (Mark 10:45).

For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him (Mark 16:6).

You Are Free--Free to Live Unhindered and Serve Unlimited. Where do you need to be freed up?

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1).

Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these (John 14:12).

What's Keeping You In The Trap? What keeps you down?

They were afraid. . . .they would not believe it. . . . they did not believe (Mark 16:8, 11, 13).

Doubt, sin, fear, not knowing the Spirit's power, love and self-discipline; the power of the resurrection? Guilt, greed, bitterness, envy, strife, or anger?

Jesus stands outside the tombs where we languish, inviting us to life, calling us to courage, heading us for heaven, offering us the Spirit. *Behold, I stand at the door and knock (Rev. 3:20).*

Which skunk will you be like? Camper or Scamper?

*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."
JOHN 11:25*



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 to offer Mid-week Bible Study

We would like to know how many folks would be interested in attending a mid-week Bible study. Please add your name and email address to the list located at the “welcome” table. More details will be available soon!

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.

Card Ministry

Cards for encouragement, celebration, sympathy, get well, birthdays and more can be mailed out via our Card Ministry. Pam Rineholt, Amy Greenland, Beth Wingate, Carolyn Peterson, Sharon Tom, Linda Enoch, Julie Ruppert, Sheri Simpson, and Geraldine Keenan coordinate 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! If requesting a card or prayer where a card would be desirable for anyone whose address is not in our current Directory, please include the full name and address of the appropriate recipient along with your request. Please email Pam Rineholt: pueblodesign@gmail.com.

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, Debra Ochoa, and Amy Greenland. 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.

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.

Fellowship Brigade: Coffee volunteers needed

The coffee process is now easier than ever with a coffee maker conveniently located in our Event Spot kitchen! If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Beth Wingate 970-456-8763 bbs5829a@gmail.com. The signup sheet is available in the binder where our coffee and snacks are located.

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.

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.



Mountain Reformed Church Expense Forecast 2024

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

3/24/2024 Worship Attendance: 70

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