



Mountain
Reformed Church



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

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day. By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Communion Sunday Benevolence Offering

Every communion Sunday we receive a benevolence offering so that we can be a blessing to those in need in our community. Cash donations should be dropped in the Benevolence basket as you depart, and donations via check can be made out to Mountain Reformed Church with the memo "April Benevolence". Today's benevolence offering will go to support the work of the Yavapai Humane Society. Thank you, MRC Family, for continuing to bless those in need!

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.

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!

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 7, 2024 – 10:30 AM
2nd 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.

C: And also with you!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of the Day

Prelude

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

arr. Gina Sprunger

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Peace be with you.

**C: How good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity.**

Ps. 133:1–3;

John 20:21–22

L: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**C: It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives
and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life,**

John 20:19–31

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: We have an advocate with God—
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—
who offered his life in love
to save the world from sin.
This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

1 John 2:1–2

C: Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Because He Lives
Sanctuary Choir

Gaither / arr. L. Larson

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2 (ESV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy

Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Response Hymn #426

Open Our Eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES

Sermon

“To Doubt with Faith”

Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #513

The Nail-Scarred Hand

LUBBOCK

(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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymn #406

Come to the Table

COME TO THE TABLE

Giving of Communion

(Please be seated)

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

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

- P: ... Pour out your blessing, O Lord,
C: **send us your Spirit of peace.**

**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

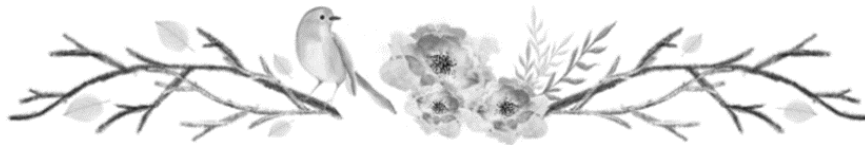
Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

Amazing Grace
(Hymn #104)

arr. Faye López



Flowers today celebrate the 27th wedding anniversary of George and Carol McManus!

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Bonnie Petitt

Acolyte: Rahab Gastonguay

Ushers: Chriss & Jim Bidderman

Sound Technician: Fred Williams

Camera Operator: Charlie Simpson

Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Beth Wingate

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

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.

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

3/31/2024 Worship Attendance: 107

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