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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 all beginnings, you bring a new day, and you promise to journey with me through the hours. I thank you for the breath and strength I have, and I beg your help that I may use my powers wisely and with compassion toward everyone I meet. Let my questions today be a form of pruning to bring forth in me new understandings, healing, and good fruit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

Upcoming Men's Breakfast on May 6th

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will meet for their monthly breakfast and fellowship on Monday, May 6th at 8am at Zeke's Eatin' Place in the Frontier Village Shopping Center. All men are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

MRC Women's Ministry Meetup Saturday May 11th 1pm

Our next women's meetup will be held at the home of Julie Ruppert. We will be discussing our ongoing and upcoming ministry projects, enjoying a time of devotional, and taking part in the blessing of fellowship. If you would like further information, please reach out to Lyndi Peacock 928-899-2085 lyndi@milehighlending.com

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.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 28, 2024 – 10:30 AM
5th Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
(Hymn #45)

arr. Dan Forrest

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

- L: In the wilderness, water brings life.
C: **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**
L: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
C: **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**
L: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior
nourishes everyone.
C: **Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**
L: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.
Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #172

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit
of the Spirit.**

John 15:5

We have not loved others as you have loved us.

**We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray,**

(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

Look At The World

John Rutter

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

I Will Glorify Your Name
(Vocal Trio)

Cindy Berry

André Sylvester, Craig Ralston, Ryan Gastonguay

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

1 John 4:7-21 (ESV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8 (ESV)

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you

abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Response Hymn #542

Lord, Be Glorified

BE GLORIFIED

Sermon

“Membered, De-Membered, Re-Membered”

Pastor Dan Storvick

[sermon outline follows order of worship]

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #536

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

(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 worshiped 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, who makes us one,

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

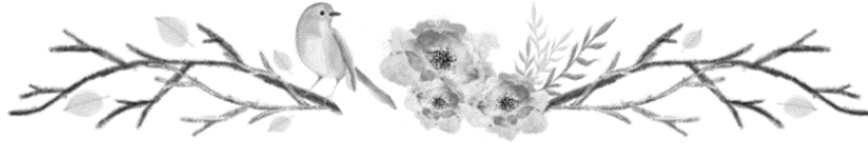
Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee
(Hymn #552)

arr. Dan Forrest



Flowers today celebrate the 15th anniversary of Charlie and Sheri Simpson!

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Tommy Keenan

Acolyte: Tubal Gastonguay

Ushers: Sandy Stamper & Jean Risdon

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.

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.

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.

Membered, De-Membered, Re-Membered

John 15.1-8

Pastor Dan Storvick

You Were _____

The RULES (& Ruler)

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure (Ephesians 1:5).

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser (John 15:1).

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love (John 15:9).

You brought us out of Egypt as if we were a vine . . . You cleared the ground for us. Like a vine, we took root and filled the land (Psalm 80:8-9; cf. 8-11).

Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you (John 15:3).

Food for Thought: When and where did God plant the seed of his Word in your heart to the point that it “took”? Has the Word ever been choked? Weeded? Parched?

HOW TO GET _____

~F _____

Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away (John 15:2).

The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire (Matthew 3:10).

Food for Thought: Harsh words from Jesus and John the Baptist. But the good news is, God has put into us the desire and the ability to bear good fruit. What happens to the vineyard if dwarf vines are allowed to suck the nutrients and moisture from the soil.

~ _____ Living

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me (John 15:4b).

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” . . . Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living (Luke 15:11-13).

Food for Thought: What happens to us when God lets us go our own way? Answer: *God gave them up in the lusts of their . . . God gave them up . . . God gave them up . . . Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them (Romans 1:24-32).*

~ _____ and Burning

Apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5b).

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. (John 15:6).

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.



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

4/21/2024 Worship Attendance: 79

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