



March 5, 2023 - 10:30 AM  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

### **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

Dr. Craig Ralston

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Call to Worship

L: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,  
God calls us to follow in trust. *Gen. 12:1*

**P: God is able to make us more than we have been  
and blesses us on the way. *Gen. 12:2***

L: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,  
Christ invites us to become a new creation. *John 3:3*

**P: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,  
and we are saved through him. *1 Pet. 2:9*  
Let us worship God! *John 3:17***

**(Please remain standing)**

Opening Hymn #28

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**(Please be seated)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you  
in need of forgiveness and grace.**

**You call us to trust in you completely,  
but we do not.**

**We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.**

**We justify our actions and words,  
though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
preferring old habits to risky change.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,  
trusting that you have included us by grace  
in the family of faith.**

**In Christ's 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

*I Lift My Eyes*

Taylor Davis

Call to Offering

Offertory

*When I Lift Up My Head*  
Sunday Afternoon Barbershop Quartet

arr. David Wright

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

## Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

### The Word

#### Reading of Scripture

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

1 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**L:** The Word of our Lord.

**P:** **Thanks be to God!**

#### **(Please remain seated)**

Lenten Response, Hymn #674 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

ADORE THEE

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading of Scripture

*John 3:1-17*

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus

answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm

## **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

**(Please remain seated)**

Communion Hymn #399

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

BREAK BREAD

Words of Institution

L: 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.

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

L: In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread,  
And gave thanks; broke it,  
And gave it to his disciples,  
Saying: Take and eat;  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P: (Take the bread and eat together.)**

L: Again after supper,  
He took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink,  
Saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P: (Take the cup and drink together.)**

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of  
the risen Lord, until he comes. Thanks be to God for these gracious gifts!

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

Lord's Prayer, Hymn #431

*The Lord's Prayer*

MALOTTE

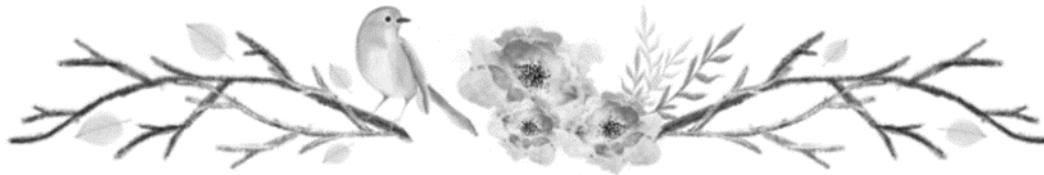
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**Sending  
Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Dr. Craig Ralston**



Flowers today are to the glory of God and in celebration of Linda Enoch's birthday.

**Assisting in Worship:**

Liturgist: Nancy Smith

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon

Larry & Shirley Culver, Mike Vest & Lolly Platt

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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](http://www.mountainreformed.org) for more information about our church.

## **The Mountain Reformed Church board has unanimously voted to appoint Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm as our Administrative Pastor**

Rev. Grimm will guide the board in an advisory capacity and be tasked with developing plans and initiatives for our continued growth and the establishment of our church. One of the immediate tasks on the agenda will be formalizing our church membership. Dr. Grimm's dedication, passion, and vision for MRC has been unwavering since he first began preaching for us over a year ago. His vast knowledge and experience in working with literally 100's of churches over the years is invaluable. We are excited to welcome Dr. Grimm in this new capacity as MRC begins to take next steps in our journey together as believers in Christ.

## **Men's Breakfast Tomorrow**

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will once again meet tomorrow morning, March 6<sup>th</sup> for a time of fellowship. They will meet at 8AM at Zeke's Eatin' place, in the Frontier Village Shopping Center. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

## **Let Go for Lent**

Let go for Lent! The women's group of MRC once again is offering you the opportunity to relieve your crowded closets! On March 5th and 12th, we will hand out empty bags for you to fill with clean, gently used clothes and linens. Filled bags can be returned on March 19th and 26th. Collected items will be donated to the Stepping Stones, St. Vincent de Paul and DAV thrift stores, benefiting local people. As you plan your spring cleaning, please consider giving to this effort! For more information, contact Sheri Simpson. Thank you!

## **MRC Women's Meetup Saturday 3/11 at 1pm**

The women's ministry will be meeting at the home of Barbara Poland this month! All women are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be working on our upcoming and ongoing mission projects along with enjoying snacks and fellowship. Please let us know if you are planning to attend! Lyndi Peacock coordinates this ministry: 928-899-2085 [lyndi@milehighlending.com](mailto:lyndi@milehighlending.com).

## **Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website ([www.mountainreformed.org](http://www.mountainreformed.org)) for service updates or cancellation notices. Board members will also personally call those that are listed in our directory.

## **Facility Fund**

We are growing! MRC is now looking for a semi-permanent location and we are creating a facility fund to support this effort. If you would like to contribute, please write “facility fund” on your offering envelope.

## **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](mailto:eugenegrimm@me.com) or call 928-925-6057.

## **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](mailto:marybricker18@gmail.com) and she will have one made.

## **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](mailto: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**

Prayer cards are now available at the usher’s table. 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](mailto:lyndi@milehighlending.com). You can also call or text Lyndi at 928-899-2085.

**2/26/2023 Worship Attendance: 30**  
**Bank Balances as of 3/1/2023: \$53,695**

