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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

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!

Whether you are a mom or not, there is a gift for all women on the refreshment tables. If you don't have one already, please be sure to pick one up from one of the baskets.

MRC to be sole renter of "The Event Spot" beginning August 1st!

Thanks to the efforts of the MRC board and the overwhelming show of support at the beginning of last Sunday's service, Mountain Reformed Church was able to secure a 3-year lease as the sole renter of "The Event Spot" beginning August 1st. Full access to the space will allow us to continue our growth and ministries to our members and community.

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 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 12, 2024 – 10:30 AM
Ascension of the Lord

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer
(Hymn #429)

arr. Howard Helvey

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love toward one another.
So I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers.
I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him.

Eph. 1:15–20

**C: With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we see the greatness of Christ's power
at work in us who believe.
God put this power to work in Christ
when God raised him from the dead—
and seated him at God's right hand
in the glory of the heavenly places!**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #141

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, lover of humankind,
you have asked us to
proclaim your name to all people.
We confess that we have held back
from doing that, shy and self-conscious.
Forgive us, we pray, and
empower us in Jesus' name,**

Luke 24:47

(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 Will Sing With the Spirit

John Rutter

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Love Lifted Me
Coril Prochnow, soprano

arr. Craig J. Ralston

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Response Hymn #297

Majesty

MAJESTY

Sermon

“Empowered Witnesses”

Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #304

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

(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: ... May we be Christ's body,

C: the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**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

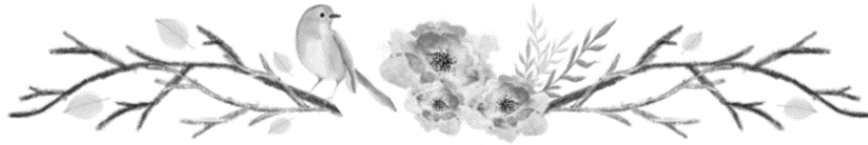
Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

Grace Greater than Our Sin
(Hymn #105)

arr. Cindy Berry



Flowers today celebrate the 24th anniversary of Murry and Pam Williams!

Assisting in Worship:

Choral Director: Jim Klein

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Kathleen Cuvelier

Acolyte: Tubal Gastonguay

Ushers: Chriss & Jim Bidderman

Sound Technician: Fred Williams

Camera Operator: Charlie Simpson

Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Beth Wingate

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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





Ascension Day

SERMON NOTES for kids

AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE!

WHO IS SPEAKING? _____

DATE: _____

MESSAGE TITLE: _____

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK: _____

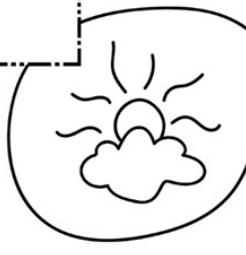
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VERSE: _____



WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING ABOUT FROM THIS PASSAGE:

DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY!



MY QUESTIONS & NOTES

? THINGS I HAVE QUESTIONS ON TODAY:

IMPORTANT POINTS / VERSES FROM TODAY:

MY FAVORITE SONG FROM TODAY WAS...



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

5/5/2024 Worship Attendance: 198

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