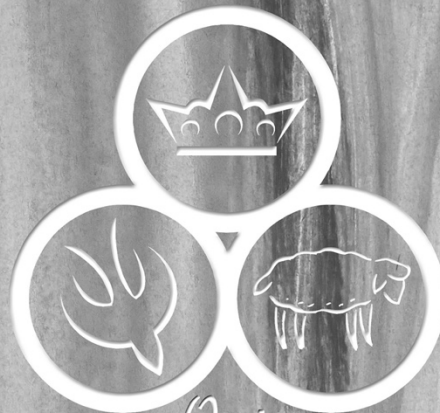




Mountain
Reformed Church



Our
**TRIUNE
GOD**

Your Church for Worship and the Arts!

WORD | CONNECTION | MUSIC

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

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence in the world this day that I may share your love with others as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

Upcoming Men's Breakfast on June 3rd

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will meet for their monthly breakfast and fellowship on Monday, June 3rd at 8am at Zeke's Eatin' Place in the Frontier Village Shopping Center. All men are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

MRC Women's Coffee Hour First Saturday Each Month

Join us Saturday June 1st, 10 AM at Panera for casual fellowship and an informal Women Of The Bible Study. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend! We'll be filling our cups and warming our hearts.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 26, 2024 – 10:30 AM
Trinity Sunday

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

Laura Taylor Turner

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word,
Abiding Spirit.

C: Glory to God forever. Amen.

L: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world
is to be born from above by the Spirit.

John 3:3

The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus,
is to be born of water and Spirit.

John 3:5

That gift is available this day.

May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole,
and dwell more deeply in love divine. **Amen.**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #68

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us,
yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.**

**We confess that we have stumbled,
and we recognize our need for you to lift us up
and help us start again.**

**Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,
and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit,**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news:
We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather
the spirit of adoption.
Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out,
for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved,
and free.
May God's peace be with you.

Rom. 8:15

Isa. 6:7

C: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Anthem

Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Let Me Give You, O Lord, All My Praises
Jim & Eileen Klein, piano; Katie Staudt, handbells

C. Hultgren

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

Psalm 29 (ESV)

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Response Hymn #566

Father, I Adore You

MARANATHA

Sermon

“Heaven’s Math”

Pastor Dan Storvick

Simple math: $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$. Any first grader knows that.

Heaven's Math: We know the mystery of $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$. We are Trinitarian Christians. Though we worship the One True God, we see, know and experience God in three distinct Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The First Article (*Congregation recites*)

I. I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen.1:1).

His plans: *I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).*

His purpose: *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart (Jeremiah 1:5).*

His Promise: *I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me (Isiah 44:21).*

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you (Isaiah 49:15).

Hymn of the Day #336

Come, Thou Almighty King
(Verse 1)

ITALIAN HYMN

The Second Article (*Congregation recites*)

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God

the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

God in the flesh: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made . . . the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:1-3, 14).

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side, has made Him known (John 1:18).

God's Purpose

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)

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

I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance (Luke 15:7).

Hymn of the Day #336

Come, Thou Almighty King
(Verse 2)

ITALIAN HYMN

The Third Article (*Congregation recites*)

III I believe in the Holy Spirit I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Is the Holy Spirit God?

Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit . . . You have not lied to man but to God." (Acts 5:3-4).

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? (1 Cor 3:16).

Through the Holy Spirit, we are . . .

Taught: *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26).*

Joined

It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you (John 16:7).

Given Faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

Gathered: Brought into a family of faith. We belong.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

Gifted: Given a special job and a special ability to complete the job.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other (1 Cor 12:7).

Grown: Sanctified is the word the Bible uses. It means being set apart for what God intended you to be when he first thought of you.

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you (John 14:26).

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Hymn of the Day #336

Come, Thou Almighty King
(Verse 3)

ITALIAN HYMN

And we've just touched the surface.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor. 2:8).

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

**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

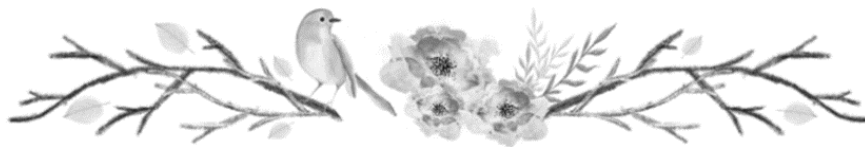
Response

Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

Laura Taylor Turner



Flowers today are in loving memory of the military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation the "Land of the Free."

God bless all who serve this Great Nation!!

Assisting in Worship:

Choral Director: Don Brenneman

Pianist: Laura Taylor Turner

Liturgist: Lyndi Peacock

Acolyte: Tubal Gastonguay

Ushers: Sandy Stamper & Jean Risdon

Sound Technician: Fred Williams

Camera Operator: Charlie Simpson

Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Beth Wingate

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

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.

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.

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

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