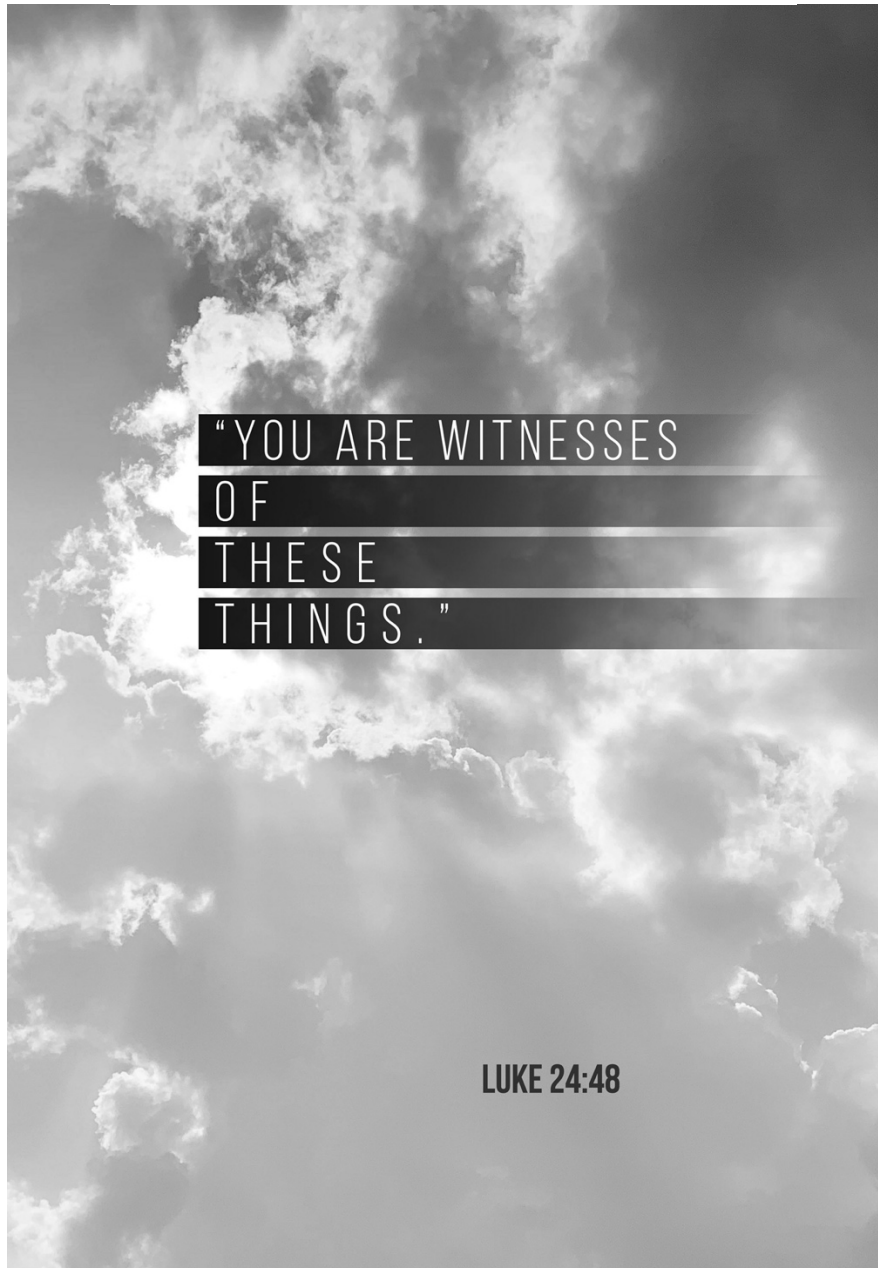




Mountain
Reformed Church



LUKE 24:48

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

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; 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.

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!

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.

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.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 14, 2024 – 10:30 AM
3rd 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 *Like a River Glorious* arr. Joel Raney
(Hymn #516)

(Please stand as you are able)
Call to Worship

- L: The bread of life opens our eyes.
C: **The word of life opens our ears.**
- L: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,
C: **and by those wounds we are healed.**
- L: Peace be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

Luke 24:36

(Please remain standing)
Opening Hymn #83

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(Please be seated)
Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God,
we are creatures of dust,
ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,
needing forgiveness.**

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us,

(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

Day of Arising
Sanctuary Choir; Lyndi Peacock, flute

arr. David M. Cherwien

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Here Is Love
Lyndi Peacock, Flute

R. Lowry / arr. M. Ijames

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

1 John 3:1-7 (ESV)

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-48 (ESV)

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Response Hymn #35

Sing Hallelujah (to the Lord)

SING HALLELUJAH

Sermon

“Were Not Christ Risen from the Dead?”

Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #268

The Risen Christ

THE RISEN CHRIST

(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.**

(Please be seated)

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

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

P: ... Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

**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

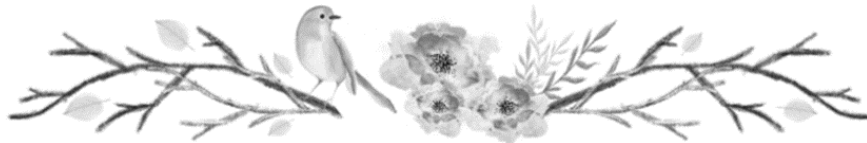
Alleluia

arr. Steven Strite

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
(Hymn #314)

arr. Meryt Wilson



Flowers today celebrate Val Eschenmann's birthday!

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston

Liturgist: Bob Enoch

Acolyte: Tubal Gastonguay

Ushers: Mike Vest & Joe Stratford

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.

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.



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: _____

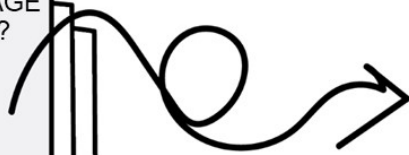
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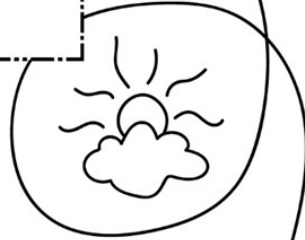
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WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING ABOUT FROM THIS PASSAGE:

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

4/7/2024 Worship Attendance: 74

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