

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 26,2023

10:30 am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: "Skye Boat Song" High Altitooters

Call to Worship: Lori Arment

Leader: God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call

People: **You are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life.**

Leader: With your grace and love and power, lead us in our time of worship.

People: **So that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where people's hearts and lives are broken and need healing.**

Leader: In this time of worship, open our eyes, our ears and voices.

People: **So that when we leave these walls, we will live in the love and grace you have given us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Song of Praise: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Hymnal # 154

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

ye ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace,

and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

the wormwood and the gall,

go spread your trophies at his feet,

and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

The Lenten Symbol: "The Crown of Thorns"

This morning we place the crown of thorns on the altar along with the other symbols of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Each one is a reminder of Jesus' sacrificial act of love for all of us. The crown reminds us that Jesus came to be a different kind of King. Not a King who rules people's hearts and lives by intimidation, fear, and violence. Rather, Jesus rules with grace and patience, love, and forgiveness. The Jewish Leaders, The Roman and even the Disciples at times didn't fully understand who Jesus was and what Jesus brought with him. They were threatened by his message about God's Kingdom and so they arrested and beat him and then they mocked him by placing a crown of thorns on his head.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Response: "Christ Has Broken Down The Wall"

Children are invited to come forward during this song to join our Children's time

Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall,
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are,
We're accepted as we are,
Through God's love, all is reconciled,
We're accepted as we are.

Children's Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Passing of the Offering Plates

This month's special communion offering is to Community Cupboard.

If you would like to make an offering online, see our [virtual offertory basket](https://www.mt-viewumc.org) at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory Music: "Sheep May Safely Graze" High Altitooters

***Congregational Response:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prayer of Thanksgiving

TO PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Anthem: "Allelujah - Exultate, Jubilate" High Altitooters

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus

said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The Message: "Resurrection?"

AND GO OUT TO SERVE

***Song:** "Awake, O Sleeper" Hymnal # 551

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

There is one body and one hope,
On Spirit and one call,
On Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
On Father of us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died,
And conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

Reception of New Member: Lori Whitehead Hymnal # 38

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Edelweiss" High Altitooters

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Health Concerns: Those dealing with ongoing health issues including cancer and memory loss, and those recovering from and awaiting surgery. Prayers for Hope LaRue-Karen Cooper's granddaughter, Kurt Reich, Jean Byers, Sharon-Karen Cooper's friend, Kandi-friend of Carol Goff, Jim Pletcher, Bryan Critchlow, John Tinsley-Fred Tinsley's brother, Betty-Hildred Davis' daughter, Joan Hatcher, Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt, Bill Huffor, Sue Laughlin-good friend of Jo Lied, Christopher-son of Mary & Jack Marsh, Carl Marquardt-father of Eric & Christy Marquardt, Mike and Ann Snipes, Michelle-daughter to Mike and Ann Snipes, Mac McVicker, Colleen Wakeley, Rick Manka-partner to Lori Jones, Carl-Mack Burk's brother, Ginny George, Barb Smith, Joann & Gordon Leaf.

Please advise the church office of updates

Other Prayer Concerns: Family of Nitia and Charles Schroeder at the loss of their son, family of Ramona McFee-Sharon Pletcher's family, family of Eileen Bash, Jo Lied's great grandson, Jeremiah. Those dealing with tragedy and sadness and the loss of innocent lives. **Please give a special prayer to those dealing with the loss of a loved one.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Community Cupboard" is special offering

Sunday, March 26

- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Roundtable
- 9:00 am Living Bible
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 am Church Services

Monday, March 27

- 9:00 am Women's Second Cup of Coffee

Tuesday, March 28

- 6:30 pm Nominations Committee

Wednesday, March 29

BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

- 10:00 am Women's Enrichment
Ministry Group

Friday, March 31

- 7:30 am Mountain View Men at Grandma's Kitchen

Saturday, April 1

"UMCOR" is special offering

10:00 am Emmaus Meeting at June Essing's House

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Christian Roundtable

9:00 am Living Bible

10:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Church Services

11:30 am **EASTER EGG HUNT AND CHURCH-WIDE POT LUCK**

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safe At Home Ministry—We all need a hand sometimes ... we need a grab bar installed, a ramp put in, batteries changed in our smoke detector, a light bulb changed that we cannot reach, things like this. If you find yourself in this position, call the church office to get added to the list. If you have some spare time and can help, call the church office to find out what is on the list!

Community Dinners—the next dinner is on April 5. The menu is **Loaded Mac N Cheese, Green Bean Salad, and Fruit Salad**. RSVP to Sandy at mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com or 719-687-3868.

Bring a Non-Perishable on April 16 to benefit Community Cupboard. For February, they are looking for peanut butter, jelly or jam, mac & cheese, spaghetti or pasta sauce, soup, canned meat, rice and dog food. The Community Cupboard sends their gratitude for our generosity.

Safety Tip Sunday—April 16—Health Care Fraud Awareness

Adult Fellowship Potluck and Planning—Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. There is no theme for this meal. After we eat, we will get organized for the upcoming year. Any questions, please email Beth Tinsley at beth.tinsley719@gmail.com.

Do You Know Your Spiritual Type? We are having a 5-week Upper Room study which helps identify spiritual types—sage, lover, mystic, or prophet—and what they mean in our lives. As we discover our spiritual type, we will learn more about how we approach God, faith, and the world around us. When we understand our spiritual type, we will gain self-awareness, self-understanding, how we make decisions, and why we respond to world events the way we do. Each 90-minute study session will be facilitated by Barbara Royal, Certified Spiritual Director. We will begin on Thursday, April 6 @ 10:00 am. Please let the church office know before Thursday, April 6, that you wish to attend so we have enough handouts for all.

The Apostolic Age: Christianity in the First Century” - Our New Testament

contains 27 books--but the Ethiopian version has 35. In fact there were several Gospels (purportedly written by Thomas, Peter, Mary Magdalene and others) and other writings that many early Christians considered scripture. This class examines the development of the early church using both scriptural and secular sources. April 10—May 8—in person or via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83442516004>

EASTER CANDY—We are accepting donations for easter candy and egg stuffings for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, Palm Sunday. Please bring to the Donation Box by the office. Thank you! Children's Ministry.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK AND EASTER EGG HUNT—Palm Sunday after service. Children's Ministry will provide ham, please bring a side dish or dessert!

The Integration Team wants to coordinate **Dinner Groups**. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Angela Thelin at 203-824-2750 or email her at athelin512@gmail.com. She needs to know if you want to be with singles or couples, your phone number, email, whether your preference is eat in or out, and whether you want a group that meetings days or nights. This information is needed by April 1. The Dinner Groups will be assigned by Integration Team pairing new er members with longtime members. The group will have 6 to 8 people. Each month, a member of the group will host a dinner at their home or go out. The host will determine the menu based on the group's dietary restrictions. Host provides the main dish and the other members of the group provide salad, rolls, vegetables, desserts, or appetizers. Dinner Groups will start in May.

Quiet Disciple Award Voting—your participation in the election of the Quiet Disciple is invited. Quiet Disciples are individuals or special groups (not committees) that work diligently behind the scenes, often with no formal title or committee assignment. They seek no recognition and are seldom acknowledged or noticed for their efforts. A Quiet Disciple serves without fanfare; remains dependable and faithful; and are always involved in the church. This year's nominees are Ruth Hoffman, Maryellen Zimmerman, Rusty Merrill, and Lovelyn Hughes. Your vote needs to be in by **March 26**.

Voices of Grief are offering support and education groups starting this Spring in Colorado Springs and Woodland Park: Facing the Mourning, Understanding Your Grief, Early Infant Loss. Call Kathy at 719-659-0447 or Sarah at 719-505-2257 or email info@voicesofgriefcenter.org.

FREE Swing Factory and In House Big Bands Recital HERE on April 16 2:30 pm. Donations benefit MVUMC for our support and facility use.

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DAILY PRAYERS

Everyone can use a prayer even when they don't think they need it. Please take a moment in prayer for these people this week. These are people who have touched Mountain View at one time or another. They may or may not be in crisis.

Daily Prayers for the Families of

March 27, 2023
Smith, Angie
March 28, 2023
Guillory, Don & Kith
March 29, 2023
Walker, Adele
March 30, 2023
McCornack, Bob
March 31, 2023
Browning, Rob & Diane
April 1, 2023
Poz, Milony
April 2, 2023
Elliott, Bill & Kay