

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
September 29, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost in the Season of Kingdomtide

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Rob Browning

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church!

We are a BIG PICTURE congregation of believing ... thinking ... questioning ... and welcoming people.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Our mission is to love unconditionally ... grow spiritually ... and serve faithfully through Christ.

Come ... love ... grow ... and serve with us!

Please make sure to sign in in the black attendance book in your row. Please include your address if you are new to Mountain View or have a change of address.

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: Variation on "Royal Oak" Bruce Gibbons

By Keith Kolander, Oxburg Press

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, it's been a rough week full of anxiety and concern.

People: **The good news is that God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits. God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

Leader: In this hour of worship and praise, listen, for God is speaking to you.

People: **May our worship this day give thanks and praise and open our eyes and ears further to God's healing voice of love and forgiveness. We worship in the name of Jesus whose name lifts us up closer to God. Amen.**

Hymns of Praise: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Hymnal # 496

By William Walford and William B. Bradbury, Public Domain

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,

and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

"Make Me A Servant" The Faith We Sing # 2176 (twice)

By Kelly Willard, CCCM/Willing Heart Music

Make me a servant,
Humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up
Those who are weak.
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Make me a servant,
Humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up
Those who are weak.
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Affirmation of Faith: "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39" Hymnal #887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you,**

Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal # 431

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

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other.
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment.
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Children's Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral 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 Helping Those In Need.

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

Offertory Music: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Bruce Gibbons

By Dale Wood, Sacred Music Press

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: "Breathe" Rev. Jeff Wakeley

By Marie Barnett, Mercy / Vineyard Publishing

The Scripture: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

The Message: "The Best Church Possible" Rev. Jeff Wakeley

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Hymnal # 526

By Joseph M. Scriven and Charles C. Converse, Public Domain

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction

Postlude: "Hornpipe" Bruce Gibbons

By GF Handle, Oxburg Press