

**Mountain View United Methodist Church  
February 2, 2025  
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
Holy Communion**

**The Church Gathers**

**Welcome:** Lori Whitehead

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.

**Prelude:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "This is My Father's World" Lois Dauelsberg

**The Greeting**

Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**People: We can feel the Holy Spirit moving us to free our lives from the sins that cling onto our souls and spirit.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is moving in you because you are beloved child of God.

**People: But change is hard and so is sharing God's love with others is hard too. We don't know if we can do it.**

Leader: God's love and grace is always with you to help you love; don't be afraid.

**Hymn of Praise:** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" The Faith We Sing #2223

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our Love

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand I hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our Love

We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other,  
we we'll work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity  
and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our Love

All praise to the Father,  
From whom all things come,  
And all praise the Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our Love

**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**

#### **Mission Moment**

#### **The Offering**

This month's special communion offering is **UMCOR**. If you would like to make an offering online, see our virtual offertory basket at [www.mt-viewumc.org](http://www.mt-viewumc.org).

**Offertory Music:** "Blessed Assurance" Lois Dauelsberg

**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!

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

**The Message:** "Making It All Work" Rev. Jeff Wakeley

**Song of Preparation:** "Come to the Table" The Faith We Sing # 2264

Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirst,  
Come and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation;  
Receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
Drink of the blood of the lamb.

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**The Invitation and Prayer Confession**

**Minister:** Christ, our Lord invites to His table of grace and love all who love him and wish a life of love and peace unburdened by sin. In an openness of spirit let us admit our sins and seek God's healing. Let us pray. . .

**People:** **You created us and called us good. We have not lived up to being good. We know that we have sinned and made mistakes in the way we have treated one another. Because of that our lives are chaotic. We need your forgiveness to help us see more clearly our inherent goodness. We need your grace to guide us on the path to you and your Kingdom. Forgive us and through Christ raise us to a new life filled with hope,**

**faith and love. We humbly ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Minister: Though you live and die according to the flesh, in the name of Jesus Christ and by his death and resurrection, God has forgiven you and raises you to new life both in present and into heaven after our deaths.

**People: In Christ, and through Christ, we are now new creations: freed to build God's Kingdom of love and justice for all of humanity. Thanks be to God.**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts and give thanks.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

Minister: O God, You are our creator, redeemer and inspiration. You have remained faithful to us with your covenant of love by sending your son Jesus the Christ Jesus to live and die for us so that we might be freed from sin to build your Kingdom on Earth. Through the holy scriptures he shows us how to live in your grace and love for our neighbors. And so with all the company of saints in heaven we praise your Holy name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: The night before his death, Jesus gathered together his Disciples, both men and women and shared a meal to celebrate how God saved the people of Israel from captivity and exile. That meal was transformed when he took the bread in his hands, gave thanks to you, broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying the familiar words, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After that, he took the cup and gave thanks to you, and shared it with everyone present and said "Drink this to all of you. This is my blood shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Through the giving of body and blood Jesus transformed God's covenant with humanity. And in thanksgiving for this new covenant of grace and love, we proclaim the power and the mystery of our faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Minister: O God may your Holy Spirit be poured on us as these elements of bread and wine do their work in us. May the bread and wine nourish our souls and spirit and empower us to go forth with hope and the truth of your love on our lips and the warmth and light of your love in our hearts. May the bread and wine make us one in spirit to have the courage to confront the spiritual forces of hate which divide and hurt us so that we are able to build your Kingdom on earth. With all that said we magnify it further as we join in the prayer that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, taught us to pray.

### **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.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer After Receiving**

## **AND GO OUT TO SERVE**

### **Closing Hymn: "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" Hymnal # 566**

Blest be the dear uniting love  
that will not let us part;  
our bodies may far off remove,  
we still are one in heart.

Joined in one spirit to our Head,  
where he appoints we go,  
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,  
and do his work below.

O may we ever walk in him,  
and nothing know beside,  
nothing desire, nothing esteem,  
but Jesus crucified!

We all are one who him receive,  
and each with each agree,  
in him the One, the Truth, we live;  
blest point of unity!

Partakers of the Savior's grace,  
the same in mind and heart,  
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,  
nor life, nor death can part.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude: "Revive Us Again" Lois Dauelsberg**