

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Lorie 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.

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: "God of Our Father" with "America the Beautiful" Cheryl Conklin and Mary Ellen Zimmerman, arranged by Ellen Foncannon

The Invitation

Leader: The God of all love and grace is with us and invites us to His table of grace.

People: **We are blessed by the invitation and humbled that God even knows who we are.**

Leader: God not only knows your name but your circumstance. God knows your burdens and troubles. God knows your sins and mistakes that weigh you down. So let us unburden ourselves and confess those things that have kept us from truly living in God's grace and love.

People: **We come Lord, broken by sin and conflicted on where to turn and who to trust. Forgive us for not trusting You fully and for not loving our neighbors. By your love, free us to receive the blessings of this meal so that we may do better in following your commandment to love you and our neighbor.**

Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ and by his death and resurrection, God forgives you and frees you to love more fully.

People: In Christ, we are now new creations. Let us give praise to God for his love and mercy. Thanks be to God.

Hymns of Praise: "Love Lifted Me" by James Rowe and Howard Smith, Public Domain

I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—
Now safe am I.
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today.
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

"More Like You" The Faith We Sing # 2167 (2x) by Scott Wesley Brown, Marantha! Praise, Inc.

More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire
To make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire
And make me more like you.

Lord, you are my mercy.
Lord, you are my grace.
All my deepest sins have forever been erased.
Draw me in your presence.
Lead me in your ways.
I long to bring you glory
in righteousness and praise.

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The Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you,

Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal # 431, Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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 and Ministry Moment

Presentation of our Offerings and Pledges

This month's special communion offering is *Voices of Grief*.

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: "Let All Things Now Living" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman by Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young

Doxology: "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: Mark 6: 1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

The Message: "Prepared" Reverend Jeff Wakeley

Hymn of Preparation: "Come to the Table" The Faith We Sing # 2264 two times by Claire Clonger and Martin N Nystrom, 1991 Word Music, Inc. and Integrity's Hosanna! Music and Juniper Landing Music
Come to the table of mercy,

Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
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.

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
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Holy Communion

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Creator God, you are our creator and redeemer. Your spirit moves and gives life to everything. You blessed us and called us good. But when our love failed and we turned away from grace, you revealed your love to us by sending your son Jesus to live and die for us and show us how to live in your grace and love our neighbors. And so we praise you, with all the company of saints in heaven:

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: On the night before he was arrested and crucified, Jesus dined with his friends and reminded them and us of your love revealed in the gifts of bread and juice before them on the table. 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."

And when the supper was over, he took the cup, again gave thanks for it, and shared it with all who gathered, reminding them, "Drink this all of you. This is the cup of my covenant with you, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often

as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so in thanksgiving we proclaim the power and the mystery of our faith.

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

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these means of your grace. As we receive them into our bodies, may it nourish our souls and spirits and make manifest your grace and love for this world. May the bread and wine make us one in spirit and witness to your Kingdom of love and light. In that spirit of thanksgiving and love, we join together 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

Hymn: “The Lily of the Valley” The Faith We Sing # 2062 by Charles W. Fry and William S. Hays, Public Domain

I have found a friend in Jesus, he’s everything to me,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
the Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see
all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow he’s my comfort, in trouble he’s my stay.
he tells me every care on him to roll.
He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
in temptation he’s my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols torn
from my heart, and now he keeps me by his power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
while I live by faith and do his blessed will;
a wall of fire about me, I’ve nothing now to fear,

with his manna he my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face,
where rivers of delight shall ever roll.
He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star,
he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

The Blessing

Postlude: "Lead on, O King Eternal / Onward Christian Soldier" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman, arranged by Ellen Foncannon