

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023

10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: "Open My Eyes That I May See" Lois Dauelsberg

Call to Worship: Jo Lied

Leader: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God. . .

People: . . .**we will turn on the light.**

Leader: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace. . .

People: . . .**we will turn on the light.**

Leader: When our vision dims due to the darkness within us. . .

People: . . .**we will turn on the light**

Leader: It is the living Christ who opens our eyes with the gift of sight. . .

People: **The light of the world is Jesus Christ. Let us worship the one who brings sight to the blind and hope for all the world.**

Song of Praise: "Be Thou My Vision" Hymnal # 451

Be though my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Tough and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Lenten Symbol: "The Wheat and Grapes"

This morning on the fourth Sunday in Lent we place on the altar, along with the other symbols of Lent, the wheat and grapes. At their last meal together and after washing his Disciples feet, Jesus took the bread and said "Take eat, this my body broken for you. Do

this in remembrance of me.” After they ate the bread he took the cup of wine and told them that it was his blood shed for them for the forgiveness of the sins of world.

We are reminded that just as the wheat is milled and finally baked to make bread and the grapes are crushed and fermented to make wine, God re-forms and seasons us to be God's hands of love and grace, working together for the building of God's Kingdom of love and belonging on earth.

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** at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory Music: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness ” Lois Dauelsberg

***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: "In This Very Room" Chancel Choir accompanied by Cheryl Conklin, directed by Cherese Brower

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents

answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Message: "Longer Than It Needs To Be"

AND GO OUT TO SERVE

***Song:** "Open My Eyes" Hymnal # 454

Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,

and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love
with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "I Sing The Almighty Power of God " Lois Dauelsburg

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, Carol Goll, 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 19

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 Safety Tip Sunday

Monday, March 20

6:00 pm Historical Saint Patrick

Tuesday, March 21

Wednesday, March 22

BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE

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

Thursday, March 23

10:00 am Women's Enrichment Ministry Group

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

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

NEWS & 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. 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 March 19 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.

DRIVERS FOR THE CART: Driving the cart and greeting folks as they exit their cars is

a wonderful and heart warming experience and the opportunity to know that your welcome was the first moment in the worshipper's experience at Mountain View United Methodist Church. WHAT A MISSION! If you are interested, please contact Sandy at 719-687-3868 or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.

CPR/First Aid/AED Class - March 18 class is full. Contact Rusty Merrill for additional classes. merrillfarm73@gmail.com

Safety Tip Sunday—March 19—Health Care Fraud Awareness

"The Historical Saint Patrick" presented by Michael Bryant on March 20, 2023, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm—In person in the sanctuary or via zoom. On March 17 we wear green to celebrate the Emerald Isle and honor its apostle, but did you know that Saint Patrick was not Irish? Nor was he the person who first brought Christianity to Ireland. In this one-hour class we learn about the historical Saint Patrick. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85997699925>

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.

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 Zimmereman, 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.

INFORMATION

COMMUNION CHECKS—Make out to Mountain View UMC---note the mission charity—on memo line write "January" Communion with "month in the quotes....and to add the charity ...example...on memo line.... “March” Communion: Community Cupboard. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS—Please call Jo Lied (altar flower coordinator) at 719-726-0668 to schedule a date for you to bring flowers to honor someone and then call Sandy Rucker (church secretary) at 719-687-3868 to place in the bulletin for the designated Sunday service. Please have flowers on the alter by 10:00 am that morning and remove by Wednesday of the following week.

RECYCLE PILL BOTTLES—Instead of throwing away your empty pill bottles, pull your label off, wash them in soap and water and put them in the Pill Bottle Box in the Narthex. They will be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries to help improve the health care in hospitals and clinics in developing countries.

We now have a **DONATE** button on our website: www.mtviewumc.org! Click on DONATE on the Home page. Scroll down and click on the blue button and away you go! Please note that there are costs involved with on-line donations. If you use a credit card, there is a 1.5% base Donorbox charge plus a 2.9%+\$0.30 credit card charge. If you use checking account information, there is only the 1.5% base Donorbox charge.

Meet Your New Neighbors. Bring them a gift bag from MVUMC and add your own gift to the bag... of a baked good or kitchen towel or something if you like. Make our new residents know that they are welcome to be our guests any time here at Mountain View. Bags are available for you to pick up at the tables and counter in the narthex.

From Your Car Door to the Church Door. Our Congregational Carrier is available to take you to the Narthex door before and after worship services. It can carry what you use for mobility assistance or we have a wheelchair and walkers available too. Park in the West lot, exit your car and wave down at the driver.

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 20, 2023
Ray, Chris & Amber, children, Alex, Ellie & Zach
March 21, 2023
Evans, Beverly
March 22, 2023
Tangeman, Darrin & Alicia, children Kiely & Kristen
March 23, 2023
Kuykendall, Jeff & Janis, child Jessica
March 24, 2023
Bandy, Carl & Arlene
March 25, 2023
Perez, Abigail
March 26, 2023
Dreger, Jason & Angela, children Barrett, Maddox, Quade