

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
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September 8th, 2024-Communion Sunday

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Prelude/Gathering Music

God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good.

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song God, Reveal Your Presence VU#391

**God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you
and with awe appear before you.**

**Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,
gather now with deepest reverence.**

**You alone God we own,
you, our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.**

2 God, reveal your presence:

**hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding.**

**'Holy, holy, holy!' Hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.**

Bow your ear to us here;

hearken, O Lord Jesus, to our humble praises.

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**3 O great Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit;
like the holy angels gathered all before you,
may I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will ever still
rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God's light brings us clarity, understanding, conviction, and promise. God's light can deliver us to meekness, humility, repentance, and belief.

Call to Worship

Lord, you have blessed us with Your mercy!

We shall have repentant hearts.

Lord, you have blessed us with Your forgiveness!

We shall have repentant minds.

Lord, you have blessed us with Your endless love.

**We shall have repentant souls, minds, and hearts,
we shall be a new creation by Your Grace.**

Hymn Softly and Tenderly MVF#73

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

**Refrain: Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?**

**Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.**

**Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.**

Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus, you are our hope and our salvation, we
reconnect to this truth by seeking humility and gratitude.
Let our worship fortify our hearts, aiding us in lifting all
our burdens to You in repenting prayer and steadfast
devotion. We seek your presence now and always.
Amen.**

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song – This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Blessing of Book Bags

Lord, as a new school year has begun. We pray your blessing upon all students, young and old, as they begin this new school year. We ask your blessing, also, on all who work with or support them in their education. Let each person feel the love and support of this congregation, and grant us all the wisdom and means to meet their needs throughout the coming year.

All: Bless now these backpacks and those who carry them: that with hearts enlightened by your Holy Spirit we all may grow in knowledge and grace, to worship and serve you from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday School)

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Father, we often look upon our human hearts with eyes of romance and folly. We ignore the reality that our hearts lean to wickedness and corruption. And, as our world calls us to follow our hearts, help us to see the greatest wisdom in following the will of God over the desires of our hearts, our minds, and our souls this day.

Amen *(Silence for private prayer)*

Scripture readings:

Psalm 6:1-10 read by Gary Carey

Matthew 4:12-17 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn Before I Take the Body of My Lord VU#462

**Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.**

**The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.**

**The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.**

**Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction to Christ's peace
might be laid down.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.**

Communion

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We do give thanks to you, Lord God for the gifts of creation and life. You divided the light from the darkness and the water from the dry land; You made us in the image of yourself, and breathed into us the breath of life.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.



For the gifts of mercy and new life, through the waters of the Red Sea. You delivered us from suffering and servitude; at the foot of your sacred mountain. You called us to truth and holiness; in the words of your holy prophets. You called us to justice and compassion; through the lives of your blessed saints and martyrs. You taught us wisdom and faithfulness.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

For the gift of Jesus, your only-begotten, he is the newness of your promise to us, the brightness of our hope in You; for he emptied himself taking upon himself our bondage bearing our sins, carrying the sorrows of our pilgrimage. He was torn from the land of the living for his witness to your holy teachings, for the fulfillment of your holy law, and has become the first fruit of earth in your kingdom, the One in whom Your will is done.

Thanks be to you, O Lord.

So it is that we join with those who have gone before us, with the angels of the heavens, and with all who will follow us in the holy community of faith as we say:

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

In his last hours among us, Jesus and his friends gathered together in an upper room. During supper He took some bread, saying, “Blessed is the Holy One of Israel, Sovereign of all that is. Who brings forth bread from the earth.” And after the blessing, He broke the bread and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take this and eat it; This is my Body.”

Blessed is the holy one of Israel.

Then He took the cup, saying: “Blessed is the Holy One of Israel, Sovereign of all that is, Who creates the fruit of the vine.” Having offered thanks, He gave the cup to them saying: “Drink from it, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for many of the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, never again shall I drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew with you in the kingdom of my Father.”

Blessed is the holy one of Israel.

Loving God, we offer You this bread and this cup, remembering His death and celebrating His resurrection. You have made Him the light of the nations and the bearer of justice to the ends of the earth. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

Blessed is the holy one of Israel.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death:

Rising, Christ restored our life.

Christ will come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts. Make us one with Christ – in his self-giving that through us, He may; bind up the broken-hearted, comfort the mourners, open the eyes of the blind, and proclaim liberty to the captives; until justice rolls down like water, and righteousness like an overflowing stream. In this hope, and as your people, we praise You.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory be yours,
God most holy. AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**All praise is yours, O God,
You bring us to this table
as sisters and brothers.**

**Lead us now, through each of our moments,
to that glorious day when all your children
will gather as family. We pray in the name
of Jesus Christ, who is our peace made flesh.
Amen!**

Invitation to Share our Offering

***Offering Song "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given. Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich.

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayer, Lord's Prayer given to God

Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU#271

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.**

**3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?**

**5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

Benediction

We go out rejoicing in the Lord for God made the human heart capable of repentance. We go our rejoicing in the Lord for God made the human heart redeemable.

Isaiah 55

Sung Benediction-You Shall Go Out With Joy VU884

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Larry Allen, placed by wife, Mary Allen and Family.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Muriel & Rick Taylor. Muriel's brother, Frank Jardine, passed away August 30, 2024.

Tuesday, Sept. 10th – Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour

Tuesday, Sept. 10th – Executive Council 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom

Wed., Sept. 11th - Scrapbooking 9-11:30 a.m.

Boardroom

Parent & Child Nights: (6-8 p.m.)

1st Thursday of the month women lead Children's Program. October 3rd and November 7th.

3rd Thursday of the month men lead Children's Program.

September 19th, October 17th and November 21st.

On December 5th there will be a Christmas Party Night.

Fall Fair Date: November 9th/24. Items needed are: Silent Auction items, Bake Table, Pickles & Fudge, Breads, Jams, and Jellies, Attic Treasures, Christmas items, Crafts and Fancy Work (knitted or crocheted items, etc.), Books, CDs, and DVD's, Puzzles & Games, Jewelry, Plants, Scarves and Purses. All contributions are appreciated.