

Mountain View United Church
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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 Jesus Bids Us Shine VU#585

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We anticipated God's light. He gave us a star and that star led us to the light of the world; a small child swaddled in a manger. His light will grow, his light will spread, and his light will become our life's vision.

Call to Worship

We gather in the glow of God's light, a light for the reconciliation of God and sinner.

We offer thanks for the good news of restoration.

May we ever be mindful of the glory of character, one which loves first.

We shall learn to embody God's way as our own.

May we ever seek out a life of reconciliation.

As we seek to live in the Spirit, a life of love and compassion.

Hymn I Can Feel You Near Me God MV#48

I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near

Yes I know you're with me God

I feel you here

I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near

Yes I know you're with me God

Heaven is here.

Refrain:

**And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.**

**I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. R**

Refrain:

**And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.**

Opening Prayer

God our Father, You sent Your Son Jesus to show us the way to a true and lasting peace. Open our minds and hearts to hear His message of peace and follow it as His disciples. We ask You this in Jesus' name. Amen. 3.

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands **VSS 1,2,5**

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Light of the World, we seek your healing with others, but often we neglect our own actions in our conflicts, we neglect our own culpability in moments of strife. Help us to take ownership of our transgressions towards others, so that we may be free of them, and true healing and reconciliation may take shape. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Isaiah 55:1-7 read by Mona Miller

Matthew 5:21-26 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn Songs of Thankfulness and Praise VU#101

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,

**Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star**

**to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,

**Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest,**

**in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow,
grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be
at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

Invitation to Share Offering

***Offering Song In the Bleak Midwinter Vs4 VU#55**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what can I give him – give my heart.**

Offertory Prayer

Lord, we seek to reconcile our hearts with You and Your will. Our offering is a sign of our trust in Your wisdom and grace. May our ministry here become a light to the world, a light that upholds Your mission of reconciliation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayers, Lord's Prayer Given to God

Hymn O Christian, Love VU#594

- 1 O Christian, love your sister and your brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.**

- 2 Follow with reverent steps the great example:
Jesus whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.**

- 3 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.**

Benediction

Let us go into the world as a healing force and bring God's unity to all.

***Sung Benediction: Gloria VU#37**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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

Tuesday Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour

Tuesday Executive Council 7 p.m. Boardroom

Thursday: Adult Fellowship 10 a.m.-noon Church Hall

Thursday Parent & Child Night Men lead program.

6-8 p.m. Church Hall

Offering: Your offering will be collected during the Service of Worship. Donations may also be made by e-transfer to mtviewteller@gmail.com

If our Church Service has to be cancelled due to severe weather, call the office 506-857-4817 to find out from the phone message.

If you would like church envelopes, please call the church office at 506-857-4817 between 8 to 11 a.m. or print your name/address and phone number on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

Coffee and Conversation supplies are low so donations for sweets would be greatly appreciated.

Isaiah 55:1-7

55 The LORD says, “Come, everyone who is thirsty—
here is water!

Come, you that have no money— buy grain and eat!
Come! Buy wine and milk— it will cost you nothing!

² Why spend money on what does not satisfy?

Why spend your wages and still be hungry?

Listen to me and do what I say,
and you will enjoy the best food of all.

³ “Listen now, my people, and come to me;
come to me, and you will have life!

I will make a lasting covenant with you
and give you the blessings I promised to David.

⁴ I made him a leader and commander of nations,
and through him I showed them my power.

⁵ Now you will summon foreign nations;
at one time they did not know you,
but now they will come running to join you!

I, the LORD your God, the holy God of Israel,
will make all this happen;
I will give you honor and glory.”

⁶ Turn to the LORD and pray to him,
now that he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of
thinking. Let them turn to the LORD, our God;
he is merciful and quick to forgive.

Matthew 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago,

‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.