

**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: God, Reveal Your Presence VU#391

- 1 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.**

**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

Our hearts can beat like a drum. Our voices can sing a tune.
Let our worship be as a chorus joining the glorious choirs of
heaven.

Call to Worship

Lord, we reflect upon what it means to walk through life with
You.

**You run with us when we leap for joy,
You stabilize us when we need Your support.**

Lord, we reflect upon what it means to embrace You with our
hearts.

**You laugh with us when we laugh,
You cry with us when we cry.**

Lord, we reflect upon what it means to love You.

You loved us first Lord, you loved us first!

Hymn In Loving Partnership We Come VU#603

- 1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.**

- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.**

- 3 Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.**

- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.**

Opening Prayer

**Lord, we come to bask in the love you shine down upon us.
We give you thanks and praise for You are the source of
all that love is. Receive our worship, prayers and songs of
affection. Amen.**

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song

Jesus Loves Me **Vss 1&2**

1 **Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

2 **Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, guide our hearts to embrace Your ways of love.
Guide our minds to adopt a life that reveals Your love
through our words and deeds. In all ways where we
neglect love's way, forgive us, and lead us back to
Your will. Amen.**

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Jeremiah 31:1-6 read by Mona Miller

The LORD says, “The time is coming when I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel, and they will be my people.

² In the desert I showed mercy to those people who had escaped death. When the people of Israel longed for rest,

³ I appeared to them^[a] from far away. People of Israel, I have always loved you, so I continue to show you my constant love.

⁴ Once again I will rebuild you. Once again you will take up your tambourines and dance joyfully.

⁵ Once again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria, and those who plant them will eat what the vineyards produce.

⁶ Yes, the time is coming when sentries will call out on the hills of Ephraim, ‘Let's go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

Matthew 19:1-12 read by Rev. Shaw

19 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan.

2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’

5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?

6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”

8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.

9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

10 The disciples said to him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.”

¹¹ Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given.

¹² For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

Message

Hymn When Love Is Found VU#489

**1 When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.**

**When love explodes and fills the sky,
praise God and share our Maker's joy.**

**2 When love has flowered in trust and care,
build both each day, that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.**

**3 When love is tried as loved-ones change,
hold still to hope, though all seems strange,
till ease returns and love grows wise
through listening ears and opened eyes.**

**4 When love is torn, and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong,
but hear through pain love's Easter song.**

**5 Praise God for love, praise God for life,
in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed
through death and life in broken bread.**

Invitation to Share Offering

***Offering Song For the Gift of Creation VU#538**
**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory Prayer

**Lord, please receive knowing we give to You, our God.
We give in love, for love, by Your love. May our offering
be utilized to spread Your love to this community.**

Amen

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn Let Us Love Each Other

VU#488

- 1 Friends, let us love each other,
love is a gift God gives.
Friends, by the love within us,
this world will know God lives.
Love is the gift most precious
God gives to woman and man.
We find our life in loving,
that's our creator's plan.**
- 2 Love is what Christ commanded,
love lived out day by day.
Love bears another's burden,
love walks a tender way.
Friends, let us love each other,
love is a gift God gives.
Friends, by the love within us,
this world will know God lives.**

Benediction

**Let us leave this house of worship, with love upon our
hearts, minds, and souls.**

***Sung Benediction: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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

Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Jean Branscombe, Jean passed away February 3rd, 2025.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to family and friends of Hilda Kennedy, Hilda passed away January 24, 2024.

Tuesday: Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Executive Council	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom

Wednesday: Choir practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Scrapbooking	9-11:30 a.m.	Boardroom

Wednesday: Mountain View UCW will be holding a Valentine Coffee/Tea Party in the church hall 2-4 p.m. This is a free event and all are welcome.

We ask that you put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending, so we will know how many to prepare for.

Next Sunday: February 16th: Annual meeting Sunday. For the lunch this year we ask for sweets (no nuts please) from families with last names A-L and sandwiches from family names M-Z. Everyone welcome.

There are sign up sheets on the table in the narthex for scripture readers, for taking up the offering, prayer requests, and requests for church envelopes.

If Church Service is cancelled due to the weather, call the office 506-857-4817, the phone message will be changed to let you know.

The 2024 Tax receipts are on the table in the Narthex.

March 4th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper here at Mountain View. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for Pancakes with sausage & baked beans, dessert, tea/coffee. Adults \$12.00 and children under 10 free.