

Mountain View United Church

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

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song: This is the Day VU#412

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**
- 2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.**

**3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light Christ Candle to celebrate the fire of the Spirit among us.

**Come, Holy Spirit, light our hearts with your flame.
Amen!**

Call to Worship

Friends! We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church. We have come to celebrate Pentecost and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.

**O God, help us to direct our thoughts to you, that
your power might fill this church and our lives, as
it filled your people throughout the ages. Teach us
to be your church and your people. Amen!**

Hymn: Amazing Grace VU#266

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 * that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed.**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
 this word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.**
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to seek You. We come to find You. We come to know You better. Help us walk through this life journey enriched by Your grace, emboldened by our faith, and fortified by our relationship with You. Amen.

Children's Song: Great and Mighty is the Lord our God.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&ab_channel=SaddlebackKids

Ministry Music: Choir

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we sing praise for Your footsteps, which have walked before us, walked beside us, and which have carried us. Help us to walk in the ways which lead us to You Father, by the Spirit, to the glorious Kingdom of Heaven, by the great mercy which You have secured. We humble ourselves before You this day. Amen.

Scripture readings:

Acts 2:1–13 read by Shepherd Munikwa

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Praise be to God!

Message

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be VU#506

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Invitation to Share Offering

Offering Musical Offering

***Offering Song: Praise God VU#541
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Offertory Prayer:

**Lord may these gifts be used to demonstrate the faithful
journey of a life of devotion to You. Bless these gifts that
they be used for Your will, and Your glory. Amen.**

**Offertory, Personal Prayer, The Lord's Prayer,
Given to God**

Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold VU#675

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?
 We have an anchor that keeps the soul
 steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
 fastened to the rock which cannot move,
 grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**
- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R**
- 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. R**
- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. R**

Benediction

Friends! Go now in the power of the Spirit.

Let the wind of God's breath send you out to bring peace.

We go rejoicing in the Spirit's power! Halleluja!

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song (V1) MV#213

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.

in ev'ry moment of the journey,

we're laying down our lives; lay them down,

in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

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