

**Mountain View United Church**  
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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**  
**VU 315**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Extinguishing the Lenten Candles:**

We gather to celebrate God's light. We also confess our nature, which often seeks to snuff out God's light. Let us pray, fast, and seek refuge in the Lord our God, as we come to find a deeper appreciation for our Savior.

### **Call to Worship:**

Jesus calls us, the Church, as spiritual heirs of Abraham's promise.

**We gather in the light of the New Covenant, where God removes corruption to give way for righteousness, and boundaries yield to the Spirit's embrace.**

Let us praise the God who replaces the old with the new, fulfilling His word through Christ.

**Glory to God, who makes all things new! Amen.**

## **Where Are We: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Almighty and ever-living God, You who spoke light into the formless void and brought forth order from swirling chaos, we gather in Your presence this day. Quiet our restless spirits and draw us near, that we may worship You in wonder and in truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

**VU 121 v. 1-3, 5**

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn, though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, still you rise with every morn.**
- 2 Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you, if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew, we may die to rise anew.**
- 3 We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word, every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.**

- 5 Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be, one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

## **Children's Song: I've Got Peace Like a River**

**VU 577 v. 1, 3**

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

## **Children's Ministry**

### **Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, Restorer of what is broken, have mercy on us. Exchange our chaos for Your peace, our corruption for Your righteousness, our death-bound ways for Your resurrection life. Wash us, renew us, and set our feet once more on the path**

**of life. We plead Your grace, trusting only in Your cross and empty tomb. Amen.**

## **Scripture**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13** read by Joan Peddle

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.” Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider

his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**John 9:13-34** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be

put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

## **Reflection**

**Hymn: I See a New Heaven VU 713**

R I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old one will pass away, where the fountain of life flows and without price goes to all people who abide in the land.

1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free, yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will be. R

2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again, body and soul, struggling but whole like flowers after the rain. R

3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above. There where the night, bearing new light, reveals the promise of love. R

4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands. Labour we must, true to our trust to build a promised new land.

**Invitation to Share Offering**

**Musical Offering**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious God, You who turned water into wine, scarcity into abundance, and a borrowed tomb into the gateway of eternal life: we bring these gifts before You. Bless these offerings, and bless those who give them, that all we have and all we are may serve Your kingdom purposes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Offering of Personal Prayers to God**

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair? Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

### **Spoken Benediction**

And may the blessing of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— rest upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

### **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**



# Announcements

## This Week at Mountain View

### **Today: Coffee & Conversation Hall**

Join us after service for refreshments and fellowship.

### **Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary**

We continue to watch and discuss Season 5 of The Chosen.

### **Weds: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary**

### **Thurs: Adult Fellowship 10:00am Hall**

Drop by the church for a casual social time together. Join a board game or just catch up over coffee and snack. Everyone Welcome....Bring a friend!

### **Lenten Study 7:00pm Parlour**

A defense of the truth of the Gospels based on the book "Cold Case Christianity" every Thursday in Lent. All welcome!

**Membership & Baptism** – if you are interested in becoming a member or getting baptized, please sign up in the Narthex. Our next new-members and baptism service will take place at Easter.

**Joyland** - Due to growth in Joyland we are looking for a volunteer to lead either a K - Grade 5 or Grades 6 - 9 group. While it is possible to have all children and youth in the same class, spiritual needs will be better met if separated.

**Book Club** – our book for March 30th is *The Book of Salt*

**M&S Contributions** – if you want any part of your offering to be earmarked for Mission & Service purposes, please include “M&S” and signify the dollar amount on your offering envelope.

**Scripture Readers** – we are always looking for scripture readers to participate during worship service. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office to be on our “On-Call Readers” list.

**If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please contact the church office. Please note that due to hospital policy, Rev. Shaw is unable to visit patients without an express request from the patient or their next-of-kin. Home visits and/or phone calls can also be arranged by advising the office or calling during Rev. Jacob’s Wednesday office hours.**

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