

Mountain View United Church

September 6, 2026

Bulletins today are in loving memory of Larry Allen,
placed by his wife, Mary Allen, and family.

Gathering Music: River

- 1 To the river I am going, bringing sins I cannot bear.
Come and cleanse me come forgive me; Lord I
need to meet You there.
- R Precious Jesus I am ready, to surrender ev'ry care.
Take my hand now lead me closer; Lord I need to
meet You there.
- 2 In these waters healing mercy, flows with freedom
from despair. I am going to that river; Lord I need
to meet You there. R
- 3 Come and join us in the river, come find life
beyond compare. He is calling He is waiting; Jesus
longs to meet you there. R
4. Take my hand now lead me closer; Lord I need to
meet You there

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

R Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain; so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. R

2 God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace. We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. R

3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the vine. This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. R

4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. R

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Our God knows us completely—every thought, every flaw, every longing—and loves us with a love far beyond our understanding. Though we often fall short of the glory for which we were made, God's love for us does not fail, does not fade, and does not end.

Call to Worship:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was formless, dark, and empty.

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Come, let us worship the sovereign Creator of all things.

Before all, after all, God is!

Where are We: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and Almighty God, You spoke, and light burst forth from darkness. You brought order to chaos, beauty from void, and life from nothing. We stand in awe of Your sovereign goodness displayed in every star, every ocean, every living thing. Thank You that before the foundations of the world. Open our eyes this day to see Your handiwork, soften our hearts to worship You, and draw us into the Sabbath rest that is found in Christ alone. In the name of the

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all things we pray. Amen.

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.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Children's Ministry

Blessing of the Backpacks

Loving God, we ask Your blessing today upon these backpacks and upon every child who will carry them. As they step into a new school year, fill their hearts with courage, their minds with curiosity and wonder, and their spirits with Your deep peace. Bless these backpacks - faithful companions on the journey ahead - that they may

carry everything needed for learning, creativity, growth, and discovery. Surround our students with Your grace and protection. Help them grow in knowledge, build lasting friendships, and strengthen their faith. May they shine as lights in their classrooms and schools, reflecting Your love, kindness, and truth in all they do. We place them - and this new year - into Your caring hands. In Your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, You created us in Your image to reflect Your goodness, wisdom, and care. Yet we confess that we have marred that image. We have brought chaos into our relationships, our communities, and our own hearts through sin, pride, greed, and unbelief. We have not rested in Your sovereignty, but have anxiously strived as though the world depended on us. By Your Spirit, restore in us a right reverence for Your creation and a holy hunger for Your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom all things hold together. Amen!

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1:1-2:3 read by Regina Cote

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was

so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

² Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

John 1:1-5,14 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Reflection

Hymn: God Created Heaven and Earth VU 251

1 God created heaven and earth, all things perfect brought to birth; God's great power made dark and light, earth revolving day and night.

- 2 Let us praise God's mercy great, all our needs that
love await; God, who fashions all that lives, to each
one a blessing gives.
- 3 God is one, will ever be: idols are mere vanity;
handmade gods of wood and clay cannot help us
when we pray.
- 4 But God's grace beyond compare saves us all from
death's despair; so earth's creatures small and great
give thanks for that blessed state.

Invitation to Communion

Go out into the streets and lanes,
bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.
Go out into the roads and alleyways,
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled.
and my feast may be complete.

Call to Give Thanks

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 our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Song of Creation

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

Remembering Jesus at Table

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of us all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the

poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Prayer of Self-Giving

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Transformation

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. **Amen.**

With Jesus, we pray together, saying: **Lord's Prayer**

Breaking of the Bread and filling of the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Generous Creator God, everything we have comes from Your hand—the breath in our lungs, the resources of this earth, and the gifts You have entrusted to us. We return these offerings to You with gratitude and joy. Use them, Lord, to bring order out of chaos in broken places, to proclaim the light of Christ in dark corners, and to care for those made in Your image. We offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Closing Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639

- 1 One more step along the world I go, one more step
along the world I go, from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
- R And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me
travelling along with you.
- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more
about the world I learn; all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: R

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should; where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know: R
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough, leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you: R
- 5 You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me, ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you: R

Spoken Benediction

Go forth into the world as God's image-bearers, carrying the light of Christ into every formless and empty place. And may the blessing of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Benediction: May the Grace of Christ VU 419

- 1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and our Maker's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.
- 2 Thus may we abide in union held together by the Word, and possess in rich communion joys which earth cannot afford.

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Announcements

Today: Coffee & Conversation 11:30am Hall

Weds: Scrapbooking 9:30am Board Room

Newcomers and experienced “scrappers” – all welcome!

Executive Meeting 1:30pm Board Room

Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Please remember to pick up an envelope for our Autumn Fundraiser in the Narthex after service. We will take donations for this cause until October 10th. Thank you to all for your support!

Coming Up at Mountain View

Indoor Yardsale – our next indoor yard sale will be held October 3, 2026. Please feel free to bring your donations to the stage in the Hall throughout the month of September – weekdays from 10am until 2pm or Sunday Service times.

UCW – our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 1:30pm. All women of the congregation are welcome!

Book Club – resumes Monday, September 28th at 1:30pm. This month’s book: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawton.

Volunteers Needed for our Community Dinner! We need people to help prepare for and serve at our community dinners – including getting supplies, food preparation, and assisting at the dinners themselves. Please contact the office if you are able to serve in this way.

If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit, hospital visit, or phone call from Rev. Shaw, please advise 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.

Purpose Statement

Share the love of God

Care for others

Act with a spirit of cooperation

Reach out to the community

Feed physical and spiritual hunger

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