

Mountain View United Church

September 6, 2026

Bulletins today are placed in loving memory of: David Eagles by children Brian, Brent, Beth, and sister Mary Allen and in loving memory of Carol Eagles by children Brian, Brent, Beth, and sister-in-law Mary Allen.

Gathering Music: Here I Am To Worship

- 1 Light of the world You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this
heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.
- R Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here
I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether
lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to
me. Here I am to worship.
- 2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in
heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth, You
created all for love's sake, become poor. R
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin
upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it
cost to see my sin upon that cross. R

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for
the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for
them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like
the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the
sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in
completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of
the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation,
praise every morning, God's recreation of the new
day!

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:

Come, people of God, and remember the One who from
the beginning fashioned humanity for relationship and
delight.

Come and worship the God who saw that solitude was not enough, and who brought forth a partner so that two might become one.

Come and stand before the Lord who joins lives together and who calls us into a unity that reflects His own heart.

Come with gratitude for the gift of companionship, for the beauty of covenant love, and for the promise that God Himself desires to dwell with us.

Let us lift our voices and our lives in praise to the God who creates, who unites, and who never abandons His own.

Amen!

Where are We: Creation Time 1; Grandparents' Day

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, You formed us from the dust and breathed life into us. In Your wisdom You have called us into companionship and deep unity. You designed our lives for intimate fellowship— with one another and with You in the garden of Your presence. As we gather today, draw us near to the One who joins what You have made, and let Your Spirit renew in us a vision of faithful, lasting love. Through Jesus Christ, 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

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, You designed us for faithful unity and lasting companionship. Yet we confess that our hearts often grow hard. Forgive us for the ways we have fractured what You meant to be whole. Forgive our selfishness, our impatience, and our failure to love as You love. Restore in us the vision of one-flesh faithfulness. Heal the broken places in our

relationships and in our walk with You. By Your Spirit, draw us back to the design You established from the beginning, and make us whole again through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:4–25 read by Mo' Ogunbambo

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of

the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made

a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Mark 10:6–9 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Reflection

Hymn: Creator God, You Gave Us Life MV 27

1. Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within our souls, yet through the mist of time and space, we search for that which makes us whole.
- R. Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.

2. In Ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity, yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity. R
3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God. R

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, You gave us life, companionship, and the gift of unity. All that we have comes from Your creative hand. As we bring these offerings, we remember that You join lives together and call us to live in self-giving love. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as instruments for building Your dwelling place among us. Advance the work of Your kingdom until the day when You fully dwell with Your creation. In the name of Christ, our true Bridegroom, we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Closing Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

VU 291

- R All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.
- 1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. R
- 2 The purpleheaded mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; R
- 3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. R
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall; R
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. R

Spoken Benediction

May God, who gave His Son, to restore our lives to faithful love and steadfast hope, bless you. And may the Spirit keep you in the unity of God's design until the day

when all things are made new and God dwells forever with His own. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. 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

Monday:	UCW Meeting	1:30pm	Parlour
Tuesday:	Bible Study	1:00pm	Sanctuary
Weds:	Choir Practice	7:00pm	Sanctuary

Please remember to pick up an envelope for our Autumn Fundraiser in the Narthex after service. Donations can be given directly to the offering plate, or dropped off to the office. 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.

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.

Broadview Subscriptions – to renew or order a subscription to Broadview Magazine this year, please contact Debbie Ellison by the end of September.

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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