

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 3, 2024
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost in the Season of Kingdomtide
All Saints Sunday
Service of Holy Communion

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Lori Jones

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church!

We are a BIG PICTURE congregation of believing ... thinking ... questioning ... and welcoming people.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Our mission is to love unconditionally ... grow spiritually ... and serve faithfully through Christ.

Come ... love ... grow ... and serve with us!

Please make sure to sign in in the black attendance book in your row. Please include your address if you are new to Mountain View or have a change of address.

Prelude: “God of Our Fathers / America the Beautiful” Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman

The Invitation

Leader: Today we remember those Saints who lived among us and are now in God's Kingdom of eternal love and justice.

People: **We come to the Lord's open table of grace joined together with those from the past and us in the present.**

Leader: Let us without reservation, open our hearts to God and make our confession for the things that are holding us back from living in the fullness of God's love and grace. Together let us pray:

People: **O God, after you created us in your image and infused us with your spirit of love and justice and called us good. We have not lived up to being good as you intended. We've made many mistakes in the way we have treated one another. We have sinned. What's more, we seem to be trapped by it. We need your forgiveness to help us see more clearly our inherent goodness. We need your grace to help us treat each other with love and justice. We humbly ask for your forgiveness and grace, knowing that they are the only things that can transform our hearts and lives so that we can build your Kingdom of earth. We ask all this in the name of Jesus who died to set us free to serve and love you. Amen.**

Minister: Though you live and die according to the flesh, in the name of Jesus Christ and by his death and resurrection, God has forgiven you and raises you to new life both in present and into heaven after our deaths.

People: In Christ, and through Christ, we are now new creations: freed to build God's Kingdom of love and justice for all of humanity. Thanks be to God.

Hymns of Praise: "For All the Saints" Hymnal # 711 verses 1 & 4

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [Refrain]
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Litany of Remembrance Celebration for the Saints who have passed on to Glory

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

People: We remember and give thanks

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime And remember those who lives ended too soon.

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost, including those this past year. As they live in our hearts may they live with you and in your Kingdom for ever. As each names is read you are invited to pray:

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: Kent Vickery
Frank Merrill, Jr.
Hoyt Steward Eells
Jeremiah Jones
Eleanor Sharp
James Pletcher
Steven Bader
Carl Frederick Marquardt
Claire T. Watson
Virginia Ann "Ginny" George
Dale Wesley Thoe
Robert "Bob" Lied
Norman "Maury" Hammond

James Allan Myers
James Morgan
Ernest "Ernie" Gullerud

Let us pray

People: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you,

Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal # 431

Children are invited to come forward during this song to join our Children's time.

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other.
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment.
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Children's Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Mission Moment

Presentation of our Offerings and Pledges

This month's special communion offering is Mt. Carmel's Veteran's Service Center

If you would like to make an offering online, see our virtual offertory basket at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory Music: “We Gather Together / Largo” Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TO PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Message: “We’re Close to the Kingdom” Rev. Jeff Wakeley

Hymn of Preparation: “Come to the Table” The Faith We Sing # 2264

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirst,
Come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord’s invitation;
Receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
Drink of the blood of the lamb.

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Holy Communion **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God and for all the Saints who have passed on to glory.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: O God, your love and grace is eternal. You are our creator, redeemer and inspiration. You are the foundation of our very being. You created us and afterwards called us good. But we turned away from that goodness. Instead of giving up on us, you remained loyal to your covenant of love by sending your son Jesus to live and die for us so that we might be saved from ourselves and this sinful world. Through the holy scriptures he shows us how to live in your grace and love for our neighbors. And so with all the company of saints in heaven we praise your Holy name.

People: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We remember that on the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his Disciples, both men and women to eat a meal to celebrate how God saved the people of Israel from captivity and exile. He took the bread in his hands, gave thanks to you, broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying the familiar words, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

And when the supper was over, he took the cup, again gave thanks to you, and shared it with all who gathered, reminding them, "Drink this all of you. This is my blood shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Through these simple acts, Jesus created a new covenant of love and service to God. And so in thanksgiving for this new covenant of grace and love, we proclaim the power and the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: O God may your Holy Spirit be poured on us as these elements of bread and wine do their work in us. May this bread and wine nourish our souls and spirit and empower us to go forth with the truth of your love on our lips and the warmth and light of your love in our hearts. May the bread and wine make us

one in spirit to have the courage to confront the spiritual forces of hate which divide and hurt us so that we are able to build your Kingdom on earth. With all that said we magnify it further as we join in the prayer that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, taught us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving

AND GO OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" Hymnal # 566 verses 1,2,3

Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.

Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.

O may we ever walk in him,
and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem,
but Jesus crucified!

The Blessing

Postlude: "God of Our Fathers" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman