

Mountville Church of the Brethren



July 19, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

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GATHERING

In response to God's call to us we gather for worship feeling accepted and loved. We invoke God's presence, knowing that God is already here.

**Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please see the technician at our sound booth if this service will be helpful to you.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please speak to one of our ushers if you would like either one or both of these.**

***Congregation stands as able**

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sarabande* Young

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* 120

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow his teachings.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

Leader: We come seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

People: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ.

*INVOCATION[^]

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Through silence, music and the spoken word we engage in a conversation with God.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Have Just Seen Jesus* Gaither and Daniels

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

God speaks to us through the Word and the interpretation of the Word.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:14-25 **158 NT**

SERMON *Through the Portal*

*HYMN *Beyond a Dying Sun* **323**

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*We are called to respond in some concrete way to God's spoken Word.
Stewardship includes the giving of not only our money but also ourselves.*

INVITATION TO GIVING & OFFERTORY PRAYER^

HONORING OF GRADUATES

*LITANY OF BLESSING#

Leader: Graduates, today is a day to honor you and to give you our blessing. We thank God for the gift of you in our church family.

People: We thank God for your past accomplishments and for the work you have done. We thank God for this new beginning and for all the opportunities that lie ahead.

Leader: As you walk through this portal into the next phase of your life, seek God's guidance about how you can use your gifts to help transform the groaning of all creation into the glorious future God intends for us.

Congregation: We now release you into this new phase of your life's journey. Go in peace, knowing that we will continue to love, support, encourage, and pray for you in your new endeavors.

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

We have come to worship. Now as newly created people, we go forth to serve. We respond to God.

*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

367

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C* Lasky

^^Bayler, Lavon. Taught by Love. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002. 124, adapted.

^Duck, Ruth C. "Call to Worship #6." Bread for the Journey. Ruth Duck, Ed. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1981. 51.

#Howell, John. "A Commissioning." Touch Holiness. Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi, Eds. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1990. 242, adapted.

STATISTICS for July 12, 2020

Received for General Fund\$6,130.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Global Food Initiative250.00

Food Bank175.00

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

A completed copy of the 18 page congregational profile is available in the church office if you would like to review it. The Search Committee appreciates the congregation's helpful contributions and worked hard to capture the essence of the answers from the nearly 5 dozen surveys received. If you would enjoy further conversation about the profile, please contact any one of the following members of the Search Committee: Larry Booz, Forrest Collier, Ginny Hart, Nancy Hess, or Walt VanderHeijden.

Mission Statement

The Mountville Church of the Brethren invites all children, youth, and adults to connect with Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, engaging spiritual growth opportunities, caring fellowship, practical peace-making, and compassionate service to local and and global neighbors.

Serving You Today

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| Pastor | Rebecca Fuchs |
| Music Director | John Hess |
| Organist | Gloria Hess |
| Worship Leader | Phyllis Kepner |
| Acolyte | |
| Special Music | Kathy Long and Bill Kepner |
| Head Usher | Joan Boshnaugle |
| Prayer Chain | Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330 |
| Greeters | Bob & Heidi Keller, Don & Sara Wagner |
| Security | Jim Long |
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The flowers in the worship center are given in celebration of God's love for us and in honor of Lynn Landis.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Marian Bollinger, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Janelle Fitz, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Harry Light, Jesse Musser, Joan Pontius, Lew & Fay Powell, at home.

WELCOME BACK!

What a joy it is to gather and worship God together. We value each of you and want to do our best to provide as safe an environment as possible. You can help us by doing the following:

- Wearing masks during the worship service, especially for singing.
- Keeping a six foot distance between individuals and family groups.
- Using the hand sanitizers placed throughout the building.
- Leaving the sanctuary gradually to avoid crowding and then making your way out of the building as quickly as possible.
- Greeting one another and chatting outside at a safe distance.

Congratulations to Jesse and Kaitlin Musser on the birth of their second daughter, Claire Olivia, on July 16, 2020. Claire is also the granddaughter of Tom and Margie Musser. The rose in our sanctuary is in honor of Claire's birth.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, rooms downstairs
Wed: 1:30 p.m. – Youth Inquirer's Class, Rm. 100

Next Sunday, July 26, 2020

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God

Becky Fuchs will preach *The Possibilities for Weeds* based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Lois Silver will lead worship and a quartet of some of our church members will provide special music.

We are grateful to Kathy Long and Bill Kepner for providing our special music and leading hymns today.

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, inquiries and concern during my recent hospitalization for an excessive nose bleed situation. Still in the process of determining the cause of this medical issue. Thanks! Harry Light (and Dottie, too!)

SCHOOL KITS NEEDS

A small group of us will be assembling 300 school kits for Church World Service. In order to observe social distancing, we cannot accommodate many workers this year. You can, however, help us by placing your offering for supplies into the offering box and be sure to mark it for school kits. Also, bring in unsharpened #2 pencils, take them out of packaging, and place in the bin in the narthex. This year we will need 900 unsharpened pencils. Thanks so much for your help with this outreach project.

YOUTH INQUIRER'S CLASS

Youth who want to know more about who Jesus is, what it means to be his follower, and what faith is all about are invited to join a summer Inquirer's Class. The first class will meet Wednesday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the church. This class is required for those who may be considering baptism. However, participation in the class is **not** a commitment to baptism. If you would like to participate in this class, please speak with Pastor Becky today or call the church office ASAP.