

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 23, 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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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.

## 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.*

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Prelude*

Boyce

\*HYMN

*From All that Dwell Below the Sky*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>^</sup>

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Our joy comes from the heart of God,

**People: who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.**

Leader: Our grace comes from God's compassion,

**People: who breaks the bonds which tie us to sin and death.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord our God!

**People: Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!**

\*INVOCATION<sup>^^</sup>

PUPPET MINISTRY

LITANY OF BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL KITS<sup>^^\*</sup>

**Women:** Crayons and pencils, scissors and glue,

**Men:** Backpacks, laptops, and tablets, too.

**Pulpit Side:** Getting up early or some sleeping late,

**Lectern Side:** Walking to school or a classroom at home.

**All:** So very much to learn.

**One:** So many to help us stay safe and to learn:

**Women:** Teachers, counselors, principals,

**Men:** Bus drivers, secretaries, nurses and aides,

**All:** Cooks, librarians, and janitors, too.

**One:** So many students have no supplies,

**All:** We send these school kits to others in need.

**Pulpit Side:** School kits that travel to places unknown,

**Lectern Side:** So the love of God in their hearts can be sown.

**One:** God is with us in all that we do.

**Men:** May God bless our learning,

**Women:** our working, our growing in school.

**All:** May God keep us safe, give us wisdom and strength to learn and grow in this challenging time.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BLESSING SLIDE SHOW

**COMMUNICATING WITH GOD**

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

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**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 GIVE<sup>^^^</sup> & OFFERTORY PRAYER<sup>^\*</sup>

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC      *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*      arr. Hayes

GOSPEL READING      Matthew 16:13-20      **18 NT**

SERMON      *Living What You Know*

\*HYMN      *Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee*      **540**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in G*

Bach

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^^ Bayler, Lavon. Touched by Love. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002. 135.

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^^Reed, George. "Who... Who Are You?" August 27, 2017. Sermonsuite.com. Copyright 2017 by CSS Publishing Company, Inc., Lima, Ohio.

<https://www.sermonsuite.com/immediate-word/who-who-are-you>

^Shuman, Thom. Playing Hopscotch in Heaven. Copyright 2013 Thom Shuman. 213.

^\*Sloane, Ken. "Offertory Prayer for August 23, 2020." © 2020 Discipleship Ministries.

<https://mailchi.mp/umcdiscipleship/april-offertory-prayers-invitation-to-the-offering>  
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STATISTICS for August 16, 2020

Received for General Fund .....\$ 5,350.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Global Food Initiative .....100.00

Food Bank.....125.00

Kits.....258.00

Worship: 60

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	Catherine Repkoe
Special Music	Sarah Repkoe
Head Usher	Joan Boshnaugle
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	John & Julie Ament, Larry & Janice Booz
Security	Pete Musser
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Holly Mele gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Max Mele's birthday.

## Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Marian Bollinger, Janice Booz, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Janelle Fitze, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Joan Pontius, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber at home.

## SUPPORT THE YOUTH AS THEY SUPPORT COBYS' BIKE & HIKE

Our youth (and several adults) will be seeking your sponsorship as they raise vital funds for COBYS' "Social Distancing Edition" of their annual Bike & Hike on Sunday, September 13 in Lititz. COBYS Family Services, an organization started by the Church of the Brethren more than 40 years ago, is instrumental in providing foster care and adoption services to children in need of safe living environments in our community. Youth will be stationed (at a distance) in the narthex after church on Sundays in September if you'd like to make a pledge or donation. Checks can be made to: COBYS, or COBYS is happy to send an invoice after the event. Cash is also welcome.

NEW PHONE NUMBER Scottie Christ: 717-209-1443

## THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer  
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room  
Sat: 1:00 p.m. – Youth Inquirer's Class, Youth Room

## Next Sunday, August 30, 2020

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

Becky Fuchs will preach *Please? Please? Pleeeaaaasssee?* based on Matthew 15:10-28. The members of our Youth Inquirer's class will lead worship. A quartet of Kathy Long, Ginny Hart, Bill Kepner, and Bob Huber will provide special music.

### NURSERY CARE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning September 13, nursery care will be available during Sunday School and during the church service. The staff and volunteers during both periods will be practicing CDC guidelines and parents of those toddlers are expected to do the same. Lisa Boshnaugle will have instructed all of the volunteers on those CDC guidelines.