

Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 13, 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 *Adagio* Mendelssohn

*HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1,4,5,7 **48**

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Leader: Each day that we live God nurtures and challenges us.

People: Between long-time friends, God builds firm trust and honest understanding.

Leader: Between long-term adversaries,

People: God opens pathways to reconciliation and peace.

Leader: Between persons in need and those blessed with an abundance of resources,

People: God introduces opportunities for mutual sharing and compassionate caring.

Leader: Between the lighting of the candles and the final notes of the postlude,

People: God provides a place for worshipping and growing together as a family of faith.

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*^**

Leader: The church is a body of believers, joined together on earth to proclaim the love of God and to follow Christ's example of life and ministry.

Congregation: With joy we welcome you into our congregation.

Leader: You look to us to provide spiritual nurture for your growth in faith, support in your joys and sorrows, and encouragement to live according to the teachings of Jesus.

Congregation: We accept your expectations and pray for God's strength and wisdom to meet your needs.

Leader: We expect you to share yourselves with us by calling us to faithfulness and contributing your abilities and gifts for the common good of the body of Christ

Congregation: We accept your commitment to Christ and this body and welcome you warmly in this covenant we are making to be God's people together.

Leader: Be the church with us, worship with us as a community of disciples, join with us as we seek to let our lives show that we are followers of Jesus, and be alert to the power of the Spirit moving in our lives and in this congregation.

Congregation: We are blessed that you have chosen us to be your family of faith. Let joy and praise unite our hearts and may the uniting of our lives mutually bless and strengthen us as we follow Christ together.

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Through silence, music and the spoken word we converse with God.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

SPECIAL MUSIC *Not Gonna Worry* Wright

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, you are in heaven.

Hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom and the power and the glory
belong to you forever. Amen.**

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^^*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *I See Grace* Brady & Weeks

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35 **20 NT**

SERMON *The Messy but Meaningful Work of Forgiveness*

*HYMN *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*
Sung to the Tune of *Amazing Grace*

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 *Glorious Majesty* Smith

*^Mark, Arlene. "Congregational Response to New Members." *Words for Worship*. Scottdale, PA:Herald Press, 1996. 282, adapted.

^^Marx, Tracey. *Lectionary Liturgy for September 14, 2014*. © 2014 by Scripture Echo, Lancaster, PA. www.ScriptureEcho.com.

^Rainsley, Glen. *Thanks Be to God*. Cleveland:Pilgrim Press, 2005. 26, adapted.

^^^ Rainsley, Glen. *Thanks Be to God*. Cleveland:Pilgrim Press, 2005. 73.

^^*Sloane, Ken. GBOD. <http://web.mail.comcast.net/zimbra/mail?app=mail#42>

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
Guest Preacher	Jamie Nace
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Marilyn and Vincent Geist, Becky Fuchs
Special Music	Jim and Wendy Allshouse
Head Usher	Joan Boshnaugle
Children's Ministry Staff	Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor, Lisa Boshnaugle, Amy Sensenig
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Steve Hess, Connie Renn
Security	John Musser

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The flowers in the worship center are offered by Walt VanderHeijden to the glory and honor of God and in memory of and in gratitude for Kathy VanderHeijden and her gifts of faith, kindness and service.

Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

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

We are delighted to welcome Jamie Nace as our guest preacher today. Jamie has a degree in music education and has served as the Director of Children's Ministry at Lancaster COB since 2011. In that capacity she oversees music activities and faith nurturing programs for children. She is also a music teacher at New School Montessori in Lancaster. Jamie is a licensed minister in the Church of the Brethren and is finishing her coursework in the TRIM program. Her preaching today helps to fulfill some of her requirements for her education. Jamie is married to Troy and they are the parents of one daughter.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Thurs: 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Lower Narthex
Sat: 3:00 p.m. – Parking Lot in Use.

Next Sunday, September 20, 2020

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meets in room 123.
- Youth will join the Adult class in the Fellowship Hall for the study of racism.
- Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear masks. The Adult class will be studying "Dialogues on Race," a DVD series produced by Sparkhouse. Larry Booz will be teaching "What the scriptures say about race".

10:15 a.m. Children's Worship in room 124 for ages 4-5th grade.

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

Join us for this special worship service when five of our youth will be baptized. Becky Fuchs will preach *The Symbol of the Cross* based on Matthew 16:21-28. Forrest Collier will lead worship and a quartet of Dianna Zimmerman, Cathy Funderwhite, Don Wagner and Bob Huber will offer special music.

EXPANDING OUR CIRCLE

In our worship service on September 20 we will expand our circle as we welcome new members through the ordinance of baptism. The five youth who will be baptized have been conscientious participants in a youth inquirers' class held this summer and have been active in various aspects of our congregation's worship and ministries. We look forward to this sacred event in the life of our congregation.

STATISTICS for September 6, 2020

Received for General Fund\$ 4,085.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS
Memorial Fund.....200.00
Global Food Initiative.....140.00

Worship: 56

LAST DAY TO 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 TODAY 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 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. Will we beat last year's donation of \$2,600??

PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION

If you are considering using a mail-in ballot in the November 3 national election but are not quite comfortable using the online application process, volunteers from our congregation can help. One 5 minute phone call will provide all the information needed for them to file your application for a mail-in ballot, which will then be mailed to you near the end of September/early October.

When: Monday, September 7 through Friday, September 18.

Who: Larry Booz phone 717-283-6404

Forrest Collier phone 717-984-2750

Walt Vanderheijden phone 717-413-3927

You will need: Your PA Driver's License or PennDOT picture identification card, the year you moved to your current address (or close if it was long ago.)