

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 20, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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## MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*Fostering Growth in Faith,  
in Community, and in Service*

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### GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

*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 *Tranquility* Lasky

\*HYMN *Here in this Place* vs. 1, 2, 4 6

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Leader: Gathered in as God's people, we come to worship together:

**People: singing praises to the One who loves us, opening our hearts to the One who calls us.**

Leader: Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives together:

**People: to celebrate the joys of our hearts, to mingle our tears with God's.**

Leader: Challenged to pick up our cross and follow Jesus to the end, we come to learn how to be disciples:

**People: offering food to our enemies, giving a drink of water to those who have drained our souls.**

\*INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

### COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

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

GOSPEL READING            Matthew 16:21-28            **18 NT**

SERMON                      *The Symbol of the Cross*

\*HYMN                      *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*            **Insert**

**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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC            *Cleanse Me*            Hayes

BAPTISM

HYMN                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*            **447**

INVITATION TO GIVE & OFFERTORY PRAYER^^

\*OFFERTORY HYMN            *Take My Life*            **389**

SPECIAL MUSIC            *Walk with the Lord*            Besig

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

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

\*WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

**We thank God for each one of you and welcome you with love and joy to our church family. We promise to pray for you and support you in good times and in bad. We promise to help you grow in faith and as a follower of Jesus. We will rely on God for strength and wisdom so that our lives proclaim to all the world that we have decided to deny *ourselves*, take up our crosses, and follow Jesus.**

\*HYMN                      *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* vs. 1            **Insert**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      *Canzona*                      Zipoli

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^\* Bayler, Lavon. *Gathered By Love*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2001. 149.  
^^Duffield, Jill. "Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication." 13th Sunday After Pentecost August 30, 2020 Presbyterian Outlook. [https://pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Liturgy\\_08\\_30\\_20.pdf](https://pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Liturgy_08_30_20.pdf)  
^Shuman, Thom M. *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven*. cThom Shuman, 2013. 217, adapted.

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION AND LOVE FEAST

On Sunday evening, October 4 we will have a virtual Love Feast. The service will be pre-recorded and put on YouTube sometime on Saturday afternoon, October 3. Because Love Feast is a church community event, I encourage as many of you as are able to participate in the service at 6:00 p.m., our usual meeting time, so that we are all worshipping, washing feet and taking communion around the same time.

The service will include meditations and music. Time will be provided for you to eat a light snack and to wash the hands and feet of those in your household. You may want to have a basin with water and a towel prepared before you begin the service. Some folks prefer to use pre-moistened wipes. We recommend that you gather in advance some items to use for communion: a cracker or piece of bread and a beverage of juice, water, or soda.

Join us as we draw together spiritually, but from a distance for this revised version of a treasured tradition in the Church of the Brethren.

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.

## THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

Mon: 2:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Reserved

6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Reserved

Fri: 6:00 p.m. – Seekers Room Reserved, UNR

## Next Sunday, September 27, 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. Forrest Collier will be teaching “What it is like to be black.”

### 10:15 a.m. Children’s Worship in room 124 for ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Becky Fuchs will preach *The Blessing of Unfairness* based on Matthew 20:1-16. Joe Musser will lead worship and a quartet of Janice Booz, Lois Silver, Larry Booz, and Bob Huber will offer special music.

## Serving You Today

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Pastor	Rebecca Fuchs
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Special Music	Cathy Funderwhite, Bob Huber, Don Wagner, Dianna Zimmerman, Joan Boshnaugle
Head Usher	Betsy Thomas, Catherine Repkoe
Children’s Ministry Staff	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767
Prayer Chain	Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Scott Christ, Lois Silver
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 Joel and Dawn Musser.

### 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 offer our sympathy to Debbie Musser and her family following the death of her father, Melvin VonStetton on September 12. Please keep the Musser and VonStetton families in your prayers during this time of grief.

Thank you so much for your outpouring of support for Brethren Housing Association in Harrisburg. On Monday, September 14, we delivered 59 rolls of paper towels, 31 laundry detergent, 36 moisturizing lotion, 48 deodorants, and too many sanitary pads to count but it was 3 very large bags full. The folks at BHA were oohing and aahing because their shelves were bare and they were in great need of these items. They thanked us many times.

STATISTICS for September 13, 2020

Received for General Fund.....\$ 5,822.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Global Food Initiative.....132.00

Kits.....25.00

Worship: 88

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

On September 13 we resumed our nursery care for children birth through age 4. This important ministry to children and their parents is in need of some additional loving hearts and caring arms. One hour every other month would be a great help. Our Child Protection Policy requires that volunteers who work with our children and youth have been attending our church for at least a year and that they obtain Child Abuse and Criminal clearances from the state of PA. There is no fee for these clearances and we can offer technical support to obtain them. If you are willing to consider serving in this important ministry, please contact Lisa Boshnaugle or Becky Fuchs. Training will be provided

GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a greeter or no longer wish to serve as a greeter, please contact Janet Schwert by Sunday, October 25, 2020. Thank you!

MCOB RAISES \$3,065 FOR COBYS!

Dozens of donors from our congregation put the spring in the step of our six participants in COBYS' annual Bike & Hike in Lititz on September 13. Your generous contributions amounted to about \$1,021.67 for each mile of the 3 mile course—completely smashing last year's MCOB record of \$2,600! May the children and families that COBYS serves feel God's love and our love, too! Thank you!

I have decided to follow Jesus

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
2 Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus  
Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me

No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

Text: Ascribed to an Indian prince  
Music: Indian folk melody, Paul B. Smith; harm. N. Johnson