

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 25, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*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

PRAISING

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor

Charpentier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To everything a season,

People: a season for every activity under heaven.

Leader: A time for planting and a time for harvest.

People: A time for enjoying deep friendships and a time for separating.

Leader: A time for working and serving and a time for a slower pace of life.

People: A time for laughter and a time for tears.

Leader: A time for remembering the past with joy and thanksgiving

People: and a time for anticipating the future God will unfold for us.

Leader: God is faithful to us in all circumstances and through all the seasons of our lives.

People: We worship God with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN

Great Is the Lord

87

*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Let Music Fill This Place* Martin

PRAYING

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Surely the Presence* Schrader

OFFERING

INVITATION TO GIVE^* & OFFERTORY PRAYER^*

SPECIAL MUSIC *We Will Be Your People* Phillips
Congregation, please sing along as directed.

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE READING Philippians 4:4-9 **198 NT**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 **205 NT**

SERMON *On Being Grateful*

HYMN *Praise God from Whom* **118**

SENDING & BLESSING

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

FAREWELL LITANY

Leader: A little over 12 years ago, we joined together as pastor and congregation to serve Christ and be his agents of love and change in Mountville and beyond. Now it is time to give thanks for the ministry we have shared and loosen the bonds that have connected us so tightly.

People: We thank God for your ministry here; for faith shared and grown; for love offered and grief shared; for laughter and friendship enjoyed; and for the things we have accomplished together in Christ's name. We recognize and accept the conclusion of your ministry and release you from your responsibilities.

Leader: As a symbol of the end of my ministry, I give you this shepherd's staff. I pray that you will embrace new leaders of this flock with affection and that you will work together to continue your legacy of warm hospitality, generous service, and compassionate caring for each other and those in need.

People: We send you forth into retirement praying that God will bless you and give you peace in your going out and your coming in; in your sitting down and your rising up; in your sorrow and your joy, in your tears and in your laughter now and always. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Now in Love and Peace* Liebergen

*POSTLUDE *Jubilant Postlude* Martin

^*Bayler, Lavon. *Gathered By Love*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2001. 147, adapted.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM: NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Forum will begin immediately after the church service in the sanctuary. There will **not** be a fellowship meal. This will be a short meeting concerning the 2021 Church Leadership slate, and the 2021 budget.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM PACKETS are available in the narthex for you to look over before Forum on November 1. Please remember if you take a packet to bring it along to Forum. Thank you

HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD BANK CURRENTLY NEEDS the following items: Cereal, spam, prune juice, chicken and beef broth, large peanut butter, large jelly, 2-pound packages of rice, canned pears, instant oatmeal, boxed pastas, cream of celery soup, and cream of chicken soup.

The Financial Statistics for October 25 will appear in the November 1, bulletin.

Serving You Today

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Pastor	Rebecca Fuchs
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Pianist	Sarah Repkoe
Worship Leader	Nancy Hess
Special Music	Members of Chancel Choir
Head Usher	Joan Boshnaugle
Children's Ministry Staff	Betsy Thomas, Beth Hess
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Lynn Landis, Sara Wagner
Security	Pete Musser

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Tues: 7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room
 Sat: 8:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall Reserved, Un Nuevo Renacer

Next Sunday, November 1, 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 Christian practices of faith.
- Adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear masks. The class is studying the Adam Hamilton series, "The Walk" in which he discusses the five basic practices of Christian faith. This week Larry Booz will teach "Serve."

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

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

Rev. Dr. Jeff Bach will preach on peace with the sermon "That's No Way to Treat an Enemy", based on Romans 12:9-21. Nancy Hess will lead worship and a quartet of church musicians will provide special music.

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Dell and Joan Boshnaugle give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The flowers on the worship table are given in gratitude to God for the faithful service of Pastor Becky Fuchs. Blessings for a fulfilling retirement, Pastor Becky! With love, the Mountville Church of the Brethren.

Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Marian Bollinger, Sam Field, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Janelle Fitze, John Graham, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber at home.

OCTOBER OUTREACH: DISASTER RELIEF

Our District Disaster Relief Auction had to be cancelled this year because of COVID-19. We would like to offset their loss by collecting for this fund during the month of October. Please give whatever you can to help so that our work of disaster relief can continue. Place your donation in an envelope marked for "disaster relief" any Sunday during October. Thanks so much!

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

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 global neighbors.

Commissioned by the Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, KY for their Centennial Observance
"Celebrating 100 Years of Service"

We Will Be Your People

Congregational Part

Words and Music by DON PHILLIPS (ASCAP)



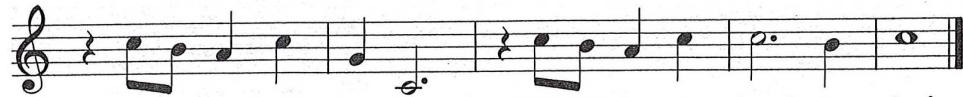
We will be your peo - ple, Guid - ed by your



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mand. Shar - ing light in dark - ness, Fol - low - ing your way,



We will be your peo - ple, We will be your church to - day!

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