

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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January 10, 2021

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.

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME

As we come to worship this day, come waiting with eager expectation for God to move in our midst. May we be receptive to God's leading in our worship and in our daily living.

PRELUDE

Hark the Glad Sound

Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship! We gather today as a community of faith that has been created by the love of God. We come to worship this day, not to parade our own goodness but to praise the holiness of God. As we leave behind 2020, we leave behind things that have been very painful. As we begin a new year, we enter into a new era of possibilities working to build up the Body of Christ in our community, in our nation, and in our world. Let us now worship God who is with us and who loves us always. Welcome to worship!

INVOCATION

O God, we give thanks that your love endures forever. We give thanks for your unending kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and care. In our worshipping this day, we seek to be strengthened by your Spirit. May our lives be a living witness to your love made visible through your Son, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Still, Still, Still* Traditional

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

Each week we are invited to respond in some concrete way to God’s invitation to give. Our faithful stewardship includes our generous financial support and also the gift of ourselves in serving one another and God’s wider family. Thank you for your faithful giving as you continue to send your tithes and offerings to the church each week. May these gifts be transformed into blessings for those whom we serving.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the joy of giving, for the joy of human love, and for the many ways we share each day to bring glory and honor to your name. May you bless the gifts we share and may these gifts be transformed into visible and active expressions of love as we strive to serve one another. In Christ we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2:41-52

SERMON *When Jesus Got “Lost”* Pastor Detrick

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

HYMN *God of Our Life* 486

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Great is our Joy* Koury

Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Dottie Light
Special Music	Erica Milbourne
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767
	Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330

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Prayer Ministry

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

Marian Bollinger, Charlotte Bouscher, Lyn Brubaker, Ed Crafton, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze, Janelle Fitze, Brett & Sandee Hart, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lynn Landis, Ruth Moses, Lew & Fay Powell, Miriam Sampsel, and Linda Weber.

We extend our appreciation to Erica Milbourne for providing special music in our worship today. Erica is a member of the Lancaster Symphony on violin. She is a music teacher in a large school district near Philadelphia. We, as a congregation, prayed for her health last spring as she had an operation for cancer and following treatments. She was very grateful for your prayers that she wanted to share this violin solo today, her first time playing after her surgery.

Connie & I would like to thank members & friends of the Mountville Congregation for the prayers, cards & other expressions of sympathy upon the death of my Mother, Georgina S. Renn. We have appreciated all the support we have received. Henry Renn

Dear friends of the Mountville Church of the Brethren, I want to express my appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and care I received from so many of you following the death of my mother in early December. With so many years separating us from when Mountville COB was our church home, I was touched to know so many of you continue to hold us in your hearts and have been lifting up our family in prayer. With fondness and gratitude,
~Chris Zepp (along with Amanda, Shylah, and Tristan)

STATISTICS for December 18-31, 2020

Received for General Fund	\$ 4,980.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund	400.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	100.00
Christmas Eve Offering	3,430.00
Global Food Initiative	50.00

Zoom Adult Sunday School: 19

THIS WEEK

- Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Mon: 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room

Next Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education

You are invited to the online Seekers Sunday school session beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, where we will examine the message for each of us in the life of this flawed but faithful follower of Christ, using the Adam Hamilton series “Simon Peter, Flawed, but Faithful”. *Bedrock or Stumbling Block* is the topic for January 17. If you have a computer, simply go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09>

If you have a smartphone or table, you will need to install the Zoom app before joining the session.

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

Nancy Hess will preach on Acts 16:11-15, *Open Heart...Eager Listening*. We will revisit the story of Lydia, the first recorded Christian convert in Europe, and consider how her openness to God's voice helped her to put her faith in action. Catherine Repkoe will lead worship and special music will be provided.

As the old year ends and a new one begins I would like to thank the wonderful people in our church for your support through prayers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness that I received over the last six months due to breaking my ankle and having a hip replacement. It was much appreciated. - Karen Strine

What a wonderful package of love that Mountville members sent us, filled with so many Christmas cards, greetings, messages and photos. How we appreciated receiving this amazing gift as we are quarantined for the past ten months. Thank you so much, and blessings to everyone for good health in the coming year. - Linda Ott Gerber

I so appreciate my Church family. Thanks for the wonderful sermons and information each week. The Christmas cards made my holiday, it was great reading each one. I am so sorry I can't help to do things, this is what happens when age takes over. Thanks to all of our good workers. Brethren Love, Isabelle Rudisill.

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.