

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



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March 14, 2021

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.*

March 21, 2021

10:15 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **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

Pastor Detrick

#### PRELUDE

*When Jesus Left His Father's Throne*

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>^</sup>

Kathy Long

Come, let us gather to worship. Like those Greek tourists who said, "We wish to see Jesus" we also wish to see Jesus! So today, we come to worship, to pray, and to learn. We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other. This day God, speak to us, show us, and touch us with your presence! Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world.

#### INVOCATION<sup>^</sup>

Kathy Long

God of the journey, you invite us, the church, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness each day. Amen

#### HYMN

*O Worship the Lord*

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#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Detrick

SPECIAL MUSIC *If Thou Be Near* Chuck Few  
JS Bach, Arr. S. Wallace & J. Head

INVITATION TO GIVE^ Kathy Long  
Jesus compels us to join him in service to others. Our church accepts the invitation and challenge to show the Way of Jesus using the resources we share. Let us continue to give with glad and generous hearts as we are able to support the ministries of our church. Thank you for your faithful giving each week!

PRAYER^  
God, there are many who “wish to see Jesus.” In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Chuck Few  
*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*  
African-American Spiritual, Arr. S. Wallace & J. Head

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Kathy Long  
John 12:20-33 and Hebrews 4:14-16

SERMON *The Suffering Love of Jesus* Pastor Detrick

***SENDING INTO THE WORLD***

HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* 250

BENEDICTION^ Kathy Long  
Let us rejoice: God so loves the world! May God your Maker send you out into the world each day with your creative energies refreshed! May the Light of Christ illuminate your fearful moments, and may the Holy Spirit guide you until we worship together again. This day and forevermore. Amen!

POSTLUDE *With High Delight* Burjhardt

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^Resources for the Fifth Sunday of Lent written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma. (adapted)

# *Serving You Today*

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Interim Pastor Joe Detrick  
Music Director John Hess  
Organist Gloria Hess  
Worship Leader Kathy Long  
Special Music Euphonium, Chuck Few  
Prayer Chain Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767  
Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330  
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Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and well wishes from the passing of our mother. - Cindy Able and Carol Field

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We will be honoring graduates on May 16. If you are graduating high school or a higher institute of learning or know of anyone in our congregation who is, please notify either Ginny Hart or Pastor Joe.

MEN’S MONDAYS

You are invited to attend "Men's Mondays", a new small group beginning, Monday, March 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the lower narthex/library area of the church. Please wear a mask; seating will follow physical distancing guidelines. The topic: *Remembering Your Story*. Participants will be invited to fellowship and share memories of their lives based on different topics each week. The group will continue weekly through May 17. Steve Hess will lead the group. Feel free to use the door by the Memorial Garden to enter. Questions? Please call Steve at 717-898-3959 or Forrest Collier at 717-984-2750. If you cannot attend the in-person group, we will explore options for a Zoom group, based on interest. Please contact Nancy Hess if you are interested in a men's online group. 717-341-4469.

STATISTICS for March 14, 2021

Received for General Fund .....\$5,522.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Global Food Initiative .....100.00  
Kits .....125.00  
Food Bank .....280.00  
Brethren Housing Association .....100.00

Zoom Adult Sunday School: 17

**THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. – Red Rose Antique Car Club, Fellowship Hall  
Mon: 6:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. – Men’s Monday, Lower Narthex  
Tues: 2:00 p.m. – Story Small Group via Zoom  
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rooms downstairs  
7:00 p.m. – New Group, Hospitality Room

The MARCH FOOD CART items and monetary donations go to the Hempfield Food Pantry. They are in need of: large peanut butter, large jelly, canned corn, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, Mac and cheese, and 2 pound package of dried pinto beans. Remember no out dated or glass items. Thank you.

**March Focus on Outreach: HYGIENE KITS**

which are distributed by Church World Service around the globe wherever they are needed. You are making a difference and bringing hope to those who have lost personal hygiene items due to disaster! Each kit contains a hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, comb, nail clippers, and 10 Band-Aids. By buying in quantity and taking advantage of discounts, we are able to purchase all the above supplies for one kit for about \$3. Please place your donation in an envelope and be sure to mark it “for KITS”. Assembly of 300 hygiene kits will take place later this month.

**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.

**Next Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday**

**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. We will begin our six-week Lenten series by Matt Rawles entitled “The Grace of Les Miserables”. Walt VanderHeijden will lead *The Blessed Garden*. If you have a computer, simply go to:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09> If you have a smartphone or tablet, you will need to install the Zoom app before joining the session.

**10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God. In –person Sunday School & Worship Resumes Palm Sunday, March 28!**

The Leadership Team voted to open church for in-person worship beginning March 28. We will follow the CDC guidelines by asking everyone to wear a mask that covers both nose and mouth. We will also continue to physically distance ourselves, stagger seating, and perform extra cleaning to high touch areas. Anyone who is not feeling well is urged to worship from home. Livestream worship will also continue.

Please contact Pastor Joe with your joys and concerns. We will not share joys and concerns during worship at this time. Prayer needs will be sent by email or through the USPS for those without computers. We encourage you to choose the worship format that is safest for you.

The worship focus for Palm Sunday: *Palm Branches Waving*, and the text is from Matthew 21:1-11. **Rejoice!** The Hands 4 Him Puppet Ministry will return for Palm Sunday with *Here Comes the Son*. Thank you to Amy Sensenig and her creative team!

**On Maundy Thursday, April 1**, an in-house worship is planned. There will be no meal or foot washing, as is typical, however, there will be bread and cup communion. Services will be in the sanctuary. All CDC guidelines will be followed.