

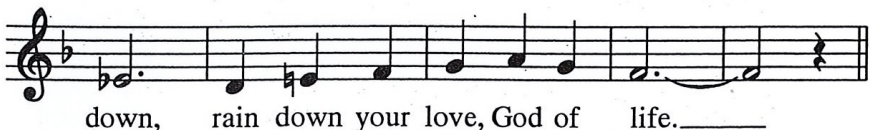
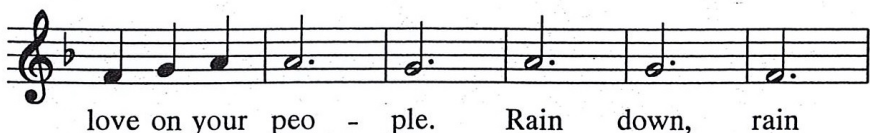
Rain Down

CONGREGATION

Based on Psalm 33

Jaime Cortez
Arr. by JOHN CARTER

REFRAIN:



CHOIR: REFRAIN

SOLO: Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

CHOIR: God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life for our thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

Mountville Church of the Brethren

Viviendo el amor de Dios
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Ephesians 5:1-2
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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

May 14, 2023 10:15 a.m.

**Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex.
*Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Musette* Dandrieri

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.

Come to love one another, for love is of God.

We have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

*HYMN *Come, let us all unite to sing* 12

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ephesians 5:1-2 NT 194
1 John 4:7-12 NT 241

BLESSING OUR GRADUATE

ANTHEM *Rain Down* Arr. Carter
Congregation sing as directed.

Children from 4 years through 5th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

Giving God, we pause and wonder overhead
To the tune of Come, Thou fount of every blessing

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Reedner

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119 (v.2)

*PRAYER OF BLESSING[^]

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Living God's Love* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *Renew your church* 363

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D Minor* Herschel

[^]Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg. 105.

^{^^}*Living God's Love* prayer. Diocese of St Albans.
<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/living-gods-love-prayer/>. ©2023. Used with permission. Adapted.

^{^^^}Gillette, Carolyn Winfrey. *Songs of Grace*. (Discipleship Resources: Nashville, TN, 2009). Used with permission.

STATISTICS for May 7, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 8,511.02
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	1,023.00
Sunday Flowers	75.00
Kits	100.00
Disaster Relief	500.00
Sr. Adult Banquet	23.00
Food Bank	200.00

Worship: 83 Sunday School: 28

THIS WEEK

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Mon: 5:00 p.m. – Set-up for Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Tues: 7:00 a.m. – Election Primaries, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101
- 7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102
- 7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Ministry Team, Rm. 105
- Wed: 1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
- Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
- 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Plant Sale set-up, Fellow. Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102
- Fri: 10:00 a.m. - Mountville Library Plant Sale, Fellowship Hall
- Sat: 10:00 a.m. - Mountville Library Plant Sale, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, May 21, 2023

- 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 meet in room 123.
 - Youth joins the Adult Class in room 102.
 - Seekers class continues their study of **Christianity’s Family Tree**, by Adam Hamilton looking at the practices, liturgy, and traditions of the Orthodox Church. Meet in room 102 & via Zoom

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

Next Sunday Gina Bautista shares from Acts 4:5-22. The Chancel Choir sings and Walt VanderHeijden is the worship leader.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Acolytes	Eva & Autumn Priest
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Barry Lauver, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry	Nanette Bushong, Beth Hess
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Daryl & Karen Strine
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser
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Today’s flowers in the worship center are offered in gratitude and celebration on what would have been Kathy and Walt VanderHeijden’s 52nd wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week’s scripture is Acts 4:5-22 The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

DINNER & A SHOW

All are invited to a “Dinner and a Show” following church on Sunday, June 4. We ask that you sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church mailboxes for the talent part of the event. Name only! For lunch come and enjoy Mr. B’s steak sandwiches! Questions – see Janet Schwert.

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will be **out of the office May 15-21**. She will not be checking messages while away. Please direct your prayer needs to deacons Karen Strine or Cathy Funderwhite.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Continue to pray for Sue Beiler, Lloyd Finkbiner, John Graham, Jim Long, Dottie Light, Wendy, the Fitze family and Nick Cyr.
- Continue to pray for our congregation as we discern together Core Values, and how they undergird our mission and ministry. Pray that all we do is for love of God and neighbors.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Ebenezer Project, Lampeter. Germantown COB is praying for us.

TOY GIVE AWAY ENDS TODAY

With the conclusion of the “Tots ‘n Tunes”, a decision has been made to give the toys away to anyone who would like to have them. If you are interested in seeing the toys, please see Dianna Zimmerman. The deadline to obtain toys is **TODAY!**

ONLINE GIVING AND PEW CARDS

Part of faithful worship is responding to God's goodness and generosity. If you are making your offering online or through some other means, you are still invited to physically participate in this symbol of commitment. Simply place one of the pew cards in the plate as a reminder of your faithful stewardship and love for Christ and neighbor.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

May 28, 10:15 a.m.: Pentecost, joint worship with UNR

June 4, 11:15 a.m.: Talent Show and Meal

June 21, 7:00 p.m.: Mini Golf Outing

A NEW EXHIBIT IN NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES: STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

We hope you enjoyed Kitty and Forrest Collier's handmade Biblical figures in our Narthex display cases in April. Rotating into the Narthex display cases this month is an exhibit of stained glass windows made by Charlie Worrall.

Charlie writes, “Making stained glass windows continues to be a primary joy of mine; it began over 40 years ago. It is a medium that takes me to places I dream of... images filled with peace and grace, places in my heart linked to the beauty of the spirit, often populated by nature's creatures reminding me that we are each a small but unique part of God's grander scheme. Over the years, I have made windows in widely scattered places such as La Jolla CA, Minneapolis MN, Wellesley (Boston), Portland OR, Fort Wayne IN, Miami FL, Mt Wolf PA, North Hampton NH. A small window even made the journey to a (UCC) church in Zimbabwe. Many of the windows I make are given to people, hospitals, fundraising events like hospice and women's health fundraisers.”

Contact Charlie now to schedule your own three-week showing of the collection or hobby that has filled your life.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our May Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH.

Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to deacons Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine. If you want to leave a non-urgent message for Pastor Angela on Fridays or any day after 9:00 p.m., please send an email rather than a text. She keeps her phone on 24/7 for emergencies.