SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 20, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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Purpose Statement

In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

October 20, 2024 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.

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC CHIMES WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Largo Lefebure-Wely

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Why are we here?

Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

*HYMN Lord, whose love in humble service

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*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:32-45

NT 46

SPECIAL MUSIC

Daystar

Richardson

Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Proube

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom (v.2)

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*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE

What do you want?

Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN

Will you let me be your servant?

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SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

Callahan

^Lizardy-Hajbi, Rev. Dr. Kristina. *Worship Ways*. https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-21-october-17/ Used with permission. Adapted.

^^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024.* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2023). Pg 210.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101

12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

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

Tues: - 7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 101 and via Zoom

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

Wed: 9:30 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

1:00 p.m. – Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share, Rm. 106

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100

Thurs: 9:30 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Fellowship Hall / Kitchen

2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

Sat: 1:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall / Kitchen

Next Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Adult Sunday School, Rm. 102, continues the series featuring A. J. Levine's *Signs and Wonders*.
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.

Children's Worship

Children will begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Those ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to join the Children's Worship Leaders at the back of the sanctuary at the designated time for their own special worship.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares "What do you want? Part II" from Mark 10:46-52. Tim Wrightson is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to 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.

In God's Service Today

Rev. Angela Finet Pastor **Music Director** John Hess Organist Gloria Hess Worship Leader Holly Mele Acolyte(s) Eva Priest Dave Fuchs, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, John Musser Ushers Special Music Wendy Allshouse Children's Ministry Nanette Bushong, Joy Meley Nursery Joan Boshnaugle Tim & Gail Wrightson: Upper Narthex Greeters Daryl & Karen Strine: Lower Narthex **Prayer Chain** Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine Security Carl Harnish _____

Ruth Moses gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God. "Lovely flowers are the smiles of God's goodness."

2025 GREETERS

If you would like to be added to the 2025 Greeter's schedule or if you are a current greeter and do not wish to continue being a greeter or you would like to continue being a greeter in 2025, please contact Janet Schwert by November 10, 2024.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND FORUM

Please plan on staying <u>next Sunday</u> for the <u>Fellowship Meal and</u> <u>Congregational Forum on October 27.</u> Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We can't cook it for you but we can keep it warm. The Fellowship Meal will be directly after church. Then the Congregational Forum Meeting will occur. We are looking at the Constitution and By-Laws to change how we fill our ministry teams. In the packet, you will find a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to be changed. The strike-thru text is the original text we want to replace. The bold text is the new text. The plain text is the original text that will stay.

Forum packets are available in the narthex for your taking, but remember to bring them back to Forum on Sunday, October 27.

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 the Kepner family, Bev, Jeanne, Rick r, Ray, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Skippack COB. Harrisburg First COB is praying for us.

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 Mark 10:46-52. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our October Food Cart items. These can be placed in the cart in the lower entrance by the elevator. Please remember no perishables, **glass**, or outdated items. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering with "food bank" on the envelope.

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you are sitting in church, and you look around and notice someone isn't here, why not grab a free card on your way out and send a note (or put it in their mail-box). If you hear something in the Congregational Prayer that reminds you of a person in need....grab a card and offer a word of encouragement.

If you intended to bring a birthday card to put in someone's mailbox, but forgot it...you know what to do! The card box is on the table near the restrooms, and the cards are free. What a simple way to be a blessing – and to build one another up in love, as I Thessalonians 5:11 exhorts us to do.

STATISTICS for October 13, 2024

| Received for: General Fund | \$ 4,632.00 |
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| ANE District Room Rent | 150.00 |
| DESIGNATED FUND | |
| Memorial Fund | 200.00 |
| Building Fund: Dayspring | 1,300.00 |
| Kits | |
| Sunday Flowers | 35.00 |
| Food Bank | |
| Cemetery | |
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Worship: 86 Sunday School: 23

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

Oct. 27: Fellowship meal & Congregational Forum

Nov. 3: All Saints Day

Dec. 8: 2:30 p.m.: Community Christmas Concert & Carol Sing

Dec. 8: 4:30 p.m.: All Church Christmas Caroling

OCTOBER NARTHEX DISPLAY

The month of October, Phyllis Kepner shares her collection of Porcelain Tea sets and Chocolate Pots. Stop by the narthex and enjoy the beauty and uniqueness of these pieces displayed in the glass case.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 3, we will praise God for the people in our lives who are no longer with us but who mentored and nurtured our faith journeys. We will also give thanks for those who came before us in this place - those we may never have known, but whose faithfulness provided the sacred space we gather in today. As part of this celebration, please bring a photo(s) of someone who ran the race and is now part of the great cloud of witnesses. We will display these photos around the sanctuary during worship as a symbol of their enduring presence among us.