

I pray that
Christ may
dwell in

your
hearts

through *faith*,
as you are being *rooted*
and *grounded* in *love*.

Bekleben
verboden

In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.** (You may sing if vaccinated and masked.)

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.*
-) For hymns, you are invited to pray the words and hum the music.*
-) If you are vaccinated, you are safe to sing when wearing a mask.*
-) Enjoy the presence of one another as we “speak the peace,” wave, smile, make the sign of the Cross. Please do not embrace, hug, kiss, or elbow-bump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.*
-) Please do not attend worship if you are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.*
-) Please do not attend worship if you had close personal contact with anyone who has been diagnosed or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.*
-) Notify the Church Office if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result within 7 days of attending a worship service. Your name will be kept anonymous unless required for reporting to the Department of Health.*

Ninth Sunday after *Pentecost*

Sunday, July 25, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Honor God, all you peoples!
For great is God's steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord! *Psalm 117*

Drawn to Christ by the Spirit
in seeking forgiveness and renewal,
we confess:

**Out of our distress we call upon you Lord.
Answer us and set us in a safe place.
Deal bountifully with us your servants,
that we live following your Word.
Our soul clings to the dust, our soul melts for sorrow.
Lord, put false ways far from us
and graciously teach us your ways.
Let your steadfast love be our comfort,
and your mercy be our life and our delight.** *Psalm 119*

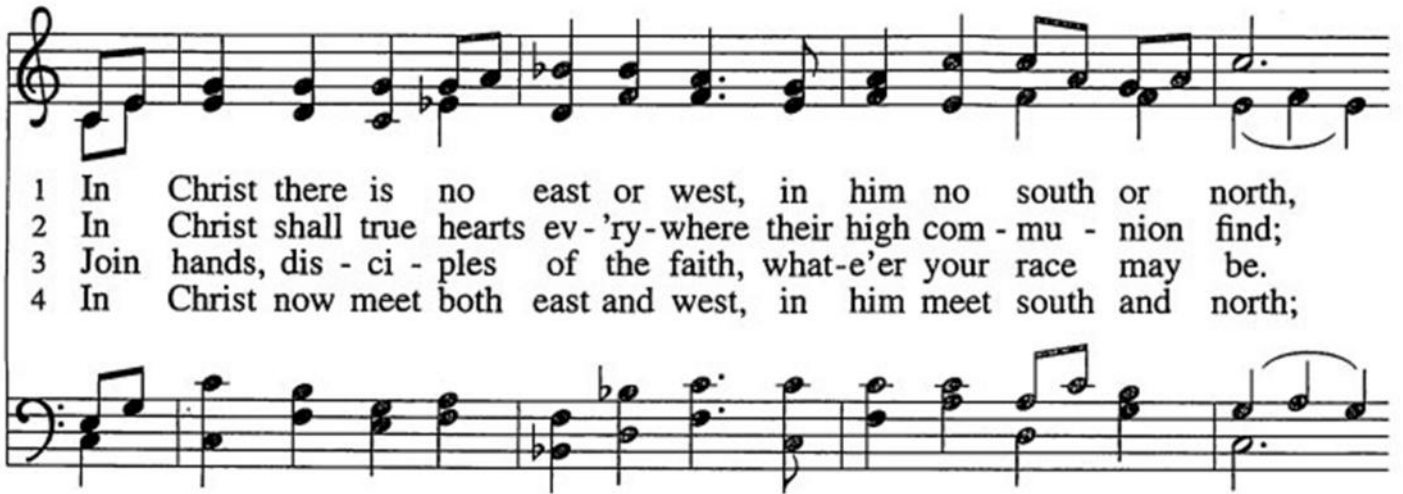
Silence for reflection.

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
God's promises are the joy of our heart.
Great is God's mercy.
It is God who saves us and gives us life. *Psalm 119*

By the love and compassion of Jesus Christ,
your sin is forgiven and your brokenness restored to new life.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn • “In Christ There is No East or West”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise • "Now the Feast"

Now the Feast and Celebration, Hymnal Supplement 1991

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great

To refrain

peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Prayer of the Day

From Psalm 145

Lord Jesus Christ, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are good to all, and your compassion is shown over all that you have made. You are faithful in all your words and gracious in all your deeds.

Amen.

Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:1-13

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145 • “The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us”

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*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.** Cantor sings verses.*



The hand of the Lord feeds us; he
an - swers all our needs, he
an - swers all our needs.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

Refrain.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

Refrain.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

Refrain.

Reading

The Good News according to Paul.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“...hearts two sizes too small...”

Pastor Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "All Are Welcome"

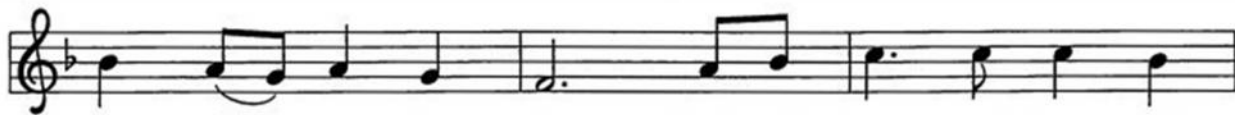
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Apostles' Creed, Third Article

Luther's Small Catechism

Together, we confess our faith.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord
or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit
has called me through the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy,
and kept me in the true faith,
just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy
the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ
in the one common, true faith.**

Daily in this Christian church
the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—
ours and those of all believers.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise us
and all the dead
and will give to us and all believers in Christ
eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the Church

For the peace that comes from God alone, for the good news of our saving Savior Jesus Christ, for the peace of the whole world, and for the unity of all, we pray:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

For the well-being of the church of God, for all who offer here their worship and praise, we pray:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

For the health of all creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for times of peace. For public servants, government, and all who serve to protect, for all who work to bring peace, justice, and healing to this and every place, we pray:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

For all who are sick and suffering, for those held captive, for deliverance from such times of affliction, wrath, danger, and desperate need, [names] we pray:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Lord Jesus, you make us into family, make us your own through water and word in baptism. We celebrate with these siblings in faith your promise of forgiveness and new risen life: Riley Bruil, Marin Ceder, Kohl Edmonds, Erik Hansen, and Karyn Williamson.

Guide them to trust you, to proclaim Jesus through word and action, to care for others and the world you have made, and to work for peace and justice for all.

For all people who wait from the one Lord and Savior of all the gift of great and abundant mercy and words of welcome, we pray:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
Edgewood WA 98372

Ways that you can give electronically:

TEXT

-)] Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
-)] You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-)] Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-)] Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
-)] Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
-)] Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
-)] If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
-)] NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

For those worshipping in person, you can leave your offering in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary near the font, either upon entry to worship or as you depart.

Offering Prayer

From Psalm 145

Together, we pray:

Lord, you uphold all who are falling, and raise up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you and you give to all food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Our mouths will speak your praise and all flesh will bless your holy name forever and ever. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his shocking resurrection
opened to us all the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus • "Holy"

Now the Feast and Celebration, Hymnal Supplement 1991

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.

Come!

Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated. If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

Lamb of God

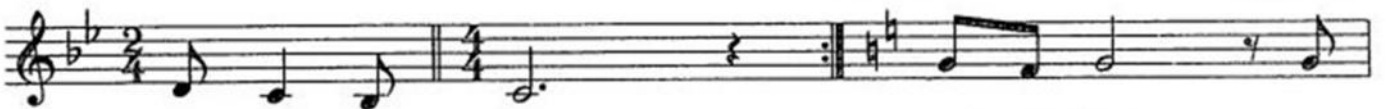
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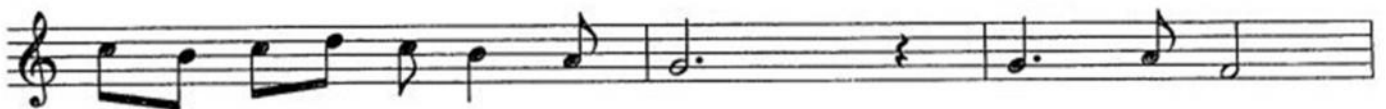
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



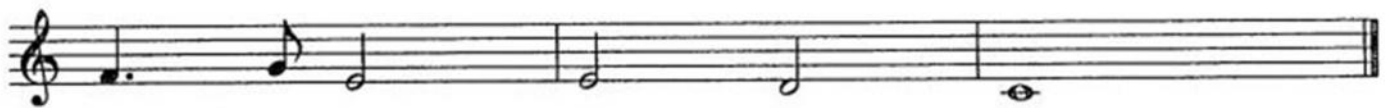
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

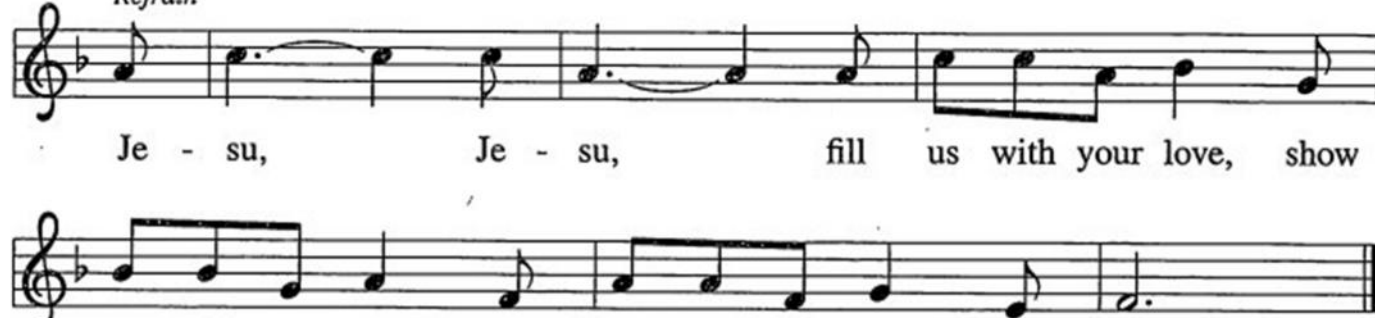


grant us peace, grant us peace.

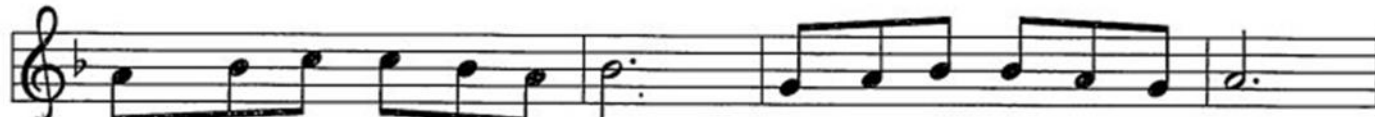
Communion Song • "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 708


Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Communion Song • “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Prayer after Communion

From Psalm 145

Lord Jesus, you are just and kind in all your ways, near to all who call upon your name. You fulfill the desire of all who love you, hear each cry and save us all.

Great are you and greatly to be praised! Amen.

Deacon Sending

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.”

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized, and often lonely as well.

Deacons for the week are named.

O God of tender compassion,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "We Are Called"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by John and Myrna Anderson
in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,
please register your worship attendance online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance*

*Please submit prayer requests online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest*

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Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Joe Anderson, Gary Larson, Sandi Swanson (head usher).
-) GREETER: Ellen Leapaltd.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Gloria Ratcliffe.
-) LECTOR: Pat Clement.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Diane Nelson.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Beth Dahl, Terry Jensen.
-) LECTOR: Bob Linden.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.
-) ACOLYTE: Alison Hutton.

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A Letter from Pastor Mike

Partners in the call and ministry of Jesus Christ,

It is with a mix of emotions I share with you that I will conclude my position as one of your interim pastors here at Mountain View Lutheran Church, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. My final Sunday presiding and sharing God's gracious Word will be Sunday, August 29.

This decision has not come easily, nor is it taken lightly. It has been a privilege and a recurrent joy to have been blessed to serve with you through an intensely challenging and growing time—marked with the loss of your lead pastor, compounded by the complexities wrought by the COVID-19 virus, and filled with the imagining of all that God is calling us to become. Amid unanswered questions, a deep sense of loss, a longing for some semblance of normal, there remains at Mountain View a rich and abiding love which permeates each step we have taken together these past thirteen months. Your love of Christ, of one another, of the ministries you do, and of the challenging questions you ask of yourselves and one another reflect the unbridled Holy Spirit blowing in your hearts.

My decision comes as the result of a series of conversations with Pastor Bri, Pastor Kim, your Church Staff, and Church Council. My thanks to each of them for their openness, honesty, and support in working through this process.

I am an advocate for transparency, especially when it comes to healthy pastor and congregation relationships, and I believe you deserve an answer to the question “Why now?”

When I retired as a military chaplain, I elected to begin Social Security benefits at age 62, not imagining that our Lord, and our Bishop, might have further use of my service. One of the implications of taking Social Security early is that there are annual income limits should one elect to re-enter the workforce. If these limits are exceeded significant financial penalties come into play. I will reach this limit at the end of August.

My return to a fuller state of “retiredness” will also allow me to address some much-needed self-care disciplines, to be more present in my support of my parents, and to tackle some projects at home before the onset of winter.

Thank you for opening and sharing your hearts and lives with me through this time of transition, healing, and growing! I look forward to joining and celebrating with you as you welcome and install your new lead pastor when that day comes.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Mike