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October 1, 2023 + Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude: Alex Seman

Call to Worship:

We come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O god, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Come as a Child

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Message: We Test God Rev. Blaine Wimberly

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Generosity Moment:

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust in your faithful promises. We pray that all people will one day sound a cacophony of hallelujahs as they accept your steadfast love. May these gifts that we gladly offer enable ministries that support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. Amen.

Musical Response: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Bev Spears

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song: *Surely the Presence* Janet and Joseph Vertrees

Blessing of Food

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Benediction

Fellowship Time

Mountainside United Methodist Church

Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of our community and the world.

Vision

To be a thriving Christ-led people in the East Mountains,
inviting all generations
to a transforming experience of God's Grace.

Announcements and Calendar

We are glad you are online with us today!
Please register your attendance and your joys and concerns
in the chat box.

Church Events

Monday, October 2

3:00 Teatime online

6:00 Finance Committee on Zoom

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 Holy Yoga in the gym with Connie

6:00 pm hybrid meeting with Ross Whiteaker

Wednesday, October 4

1:30 Line Dancing in the gym with Linda

5:30 Kids' Connection

6:00 Choir Practice in the round room

Thursday, October 5

3:00 Teatime Online

Sunday, October 8

9:00 Live stream worship

9:00 The Breakfast Club (Sunday School)

10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary

Baking Cookies for Kairos

Community Events

Acton Academy

Monday-Friday in upstairs classrooms

Twelve Step Groups

AA meets in the Fellowship Hall M, W, F noon; and T, Th 5:30 pm;

men's group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meets in the Fellowship Hall Friday 10:00 am

Fitness

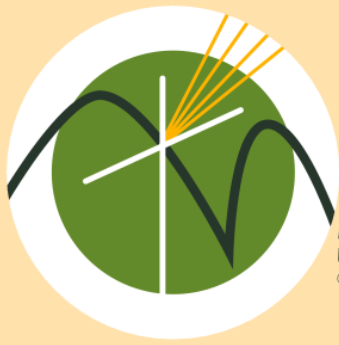
Zumba in the gym Monday and Thursday at 9:00am

Dance Aerobics in the gym Wednesday 9:00 am

Dance Fitness in the gym Friday 9:00 am

Upward Extend

Basketball Practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the gym



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