

SERMON “The Source and Shape of Brotherly Love” Eric Parker
Pastor

COMMUNION SONG “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will not be burned by the fire—
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood.
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion;
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (Chorus)

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

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Missionary Focus

Signal Mountain Social Services is our Ministry highlight this week. You can get involved with their important work here on the mountain. SMSS is seeking volunteers for two new programs: Mini Makers Art Club (creative afternoons for elementary students) and Tech Goes Home. They also need gutter-cleaning help for elderly clients and donations for the Clothes House (closed for maintenance). Current needs include a washer, dryer, and wood-burning stove, plus food pantry items: cake/brownie mix, conditioner, sweet/salty snacks, canned fruit, and cereal. To volunteer, email sarah@signalmountainsocialservices.org.

Weekly Announcements

NO Discipleship Hour today.

Sunday, September 13th Mountain Fellowship's 15th Anniversary!
Join us for a special time of fellowship, food, and fun as we celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done over the past 15 years. We will have lunch together after Discipleship Hour. BBQ (including pork and chicken options), cake and drinks will be provided. **Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share.**

Please join us **Wednesday night, September 9th** at 6:30pm at the church office to pray for our college students and recent graduates who have entered the workforce. Come prepared to share prayer requests for your own children, grandchildren, or siblings.

The **Women’s Bible Study** meets on **Tuesdays** 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the church office. They are using the book *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of our Identity in Christ*. The book is available on Amazon. Contact Laura Ryan at 423-886-7926 with questions.

The **Men’s Bible Study** meets at the church office on **Wednesday** evenings from 7:30 -8:30pm with fellowship time at 7pm for those who can make it. This week we will be studying *Union with Christ* by Sinclair Ferguson and discussing Chapter 5. Contact David Schmidt via email at schmidtdavidliz@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Date! The next **Men’s Gathering** is **Saturday, September 26th** at Tracy Smith’s home.

Nursery is available, during the worship service, in the Bridge Room for ages 6 weeks through 3 years.

Mountain Fellowship

Sharing God's Deep Gladness In Renewing All Things.

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



The Sheaf, Henry Matisse

To all who are weak in body or spirit and seek strength;
to all who are weary and desire rest;
to all who struggle and seek victory;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and seek love and fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst;
to all who come;
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of Jesus Christ.

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SONG OF ASCENT “My Shepherd King”

My Shepherd King meets every need; He makes me down to lie.
In pasture green, He leadeth me by tranquil waters’ side.
My weary soul He doth restore; my feet to walk He makes.
Within the paths of righteousness e’en for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I trail thru the dark vale, yet I will fear no ill.
With me my God, Thy staff and rod comfort and guide me still.
Thou spreads a feast prepared for me in the sight of my foes.
Thou dost anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

All of my days mercy and grace surely shall follow me.
And heaven’s shore forever more my dwelling place shall be.
My Shepherd King meets every need He makes me down to lie.
In pasture green, He leadeth me by tranquil water’s side.

All of my days mercy and grace surely shall follow me;
And heaven’s shore forever more my dwelling place shall be.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 133 (ESV)

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Congregation: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE “God So Loved”

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty,
Come to the well that never runs dry,
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Well, come all you sinners, come find his mercy.
Come to the table, he will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that he gave us,
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions;
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.
Can you see His open arms? Here we go.

For God so loved the world that He gave us,
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated;
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, praise him, for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise him for the wonders of His love;
His amazing love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us,
His one and only Son to save.
For God so loved the world that He gave us,
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
Oh, the power of hell forever defeated;
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Corinthians 13 (ESV)

All: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

CONFESSION OF SIN From the Book of Common Prayer

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE I John 4:10 (ESV)

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

SONG OF ASSURANCE “Holy Holy Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION Tracy Smith

Welcome One Another
Please take a moment to greet one another and welcome our visitors.
Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card, which is available at the information table in the back of the auditorium.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
Oh praise him! Alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Oh praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
Oh praise him! Alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit Three in One.
Oh praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Thessalonians 5: 12-15 (ESV)

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.