*Mountain Spirit Metropolitan Community Church*

*A spiritual community born out of LGBTQIA+ Appalachia*

*“I praise you for I am fearsomely and wonderfully made.”*

*Ps. 139.14*

**Stonewall Sunday**

**June 22, 2025**

**Prelude** Paul W., musician

**Community Singing** Paul W., Christine W., Rev. Pressley S., musicians

(Chorus)

**1. Every time I feel the Spirit**

Moving in my heart, I will pray,

Oh, every time I feel the Spirit

Moving in my heart, I will pray.

V1. Upon the mountain when my God spoke

Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

’Til I asked my God if it were mine (to chorus)

V2. Oh, I have sorrows and I have woe,

And I have heartaches here below

But my God leads me, Im in God’s care,

And I can feel God everywhere (to chorus)

V3. Oh there’s a new land, for which we’re bound,

Where there is freedom all around!

Will you come with me, to that new land?

We will walk bravely hand in hand (to chorus)

**2. (Don’t) Give me that old-time religion**

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It ain’t good enough for me

1. It ain’t good enough for the children

It ain’t good enough for our the children

It ain’t good enough for the children

It ain’t good enough for me

2. It will keep you locked in the closet…….

3. It will make you hate all religion…….

4. It will keep you from seeing the rainbows…..

3. **When I awoke and my heart must have broken**

in pieces I thought were too small to survive

When I thought that I knew you and didn’t

and didn’t know whether to laugh or to cry

When my purpose and best part of me had been treated as wrong

Then a voice from my soul said don’t let your pearls be trampled upon.

*(‘Cause you know)*

*I know who I am, I know Whose I am,*

*I am what I am by the power of Love*

*I’ll pick up the scattered, broken and shattered,*

*pieces that mattered by the power of Love (2x)*

(spoken)

Don’t mistaken the aching and shaking

for taking the Light of the world from my eyes

Try to deride me and Spirit will guide me

and hide me from arrows that fly in the night

If you can’t see it, I hope you will see it in time

Try to be loving, less judging. Be caring and kind *(to chorus)*

(Bridge)

Just look what Love can do, can do, what Love can do.

Just look what God can do, can do, what God can do. (2x) (to chorus)

(Tag)

Don’t mistaken the aching and shaking

for taking the Light of the world from my eyes!

**Invocation**

**Come Holy Spirit. Come any way you want. Just come. Amen**

**Welcome and Protocol Honoring Home** David Rogers, liturgist

**All: We bless these mountains in which we gather, and all the animals, plants, and elements for whom this is home;**

**We bless all who have walked this land and called this place home long before us;**

**We bless and honor Congregation Beth Israel for sharing their home with us;**

**And we pray that we will be a blessing in this place.**

**May peace be among us. Amen.**

**Reading Marcus/Mark 14:43-52** Angel P. and Joey D., lectors

*(Español)*

Todavía estaba hablando Jesús cuando apareció Judas, uno de los doce. Lo acompañaba una turba armada con espadas y palos, enviada por los jefes de los sacerdotes, los maestros de la Ley y los líderes religiosos.

El traidor había dado esta contraseña: «Al que le dé un beso, ese es; arréstenlo y llévenselo bien asegurado». **45**Tan pronto como llegó, Judas se acercó a Jesús y dijo:

—¡Rabí!

Y lo besó.

Entonces los hombres prendieron a Jesús. Pero uno de los que estaban ahí desenfundó la espada e hirió al siervo del sumo sacerdote, cortándole una oreja.

—¿Acaso soy un bandido[a] —dijo Jesús—, para que vengan con espadas y palos a arrestarme? Todos los días estaba con ustedes, enseñando en el Templo, y no me arrestaron. Pero es preciso que se cumplan las Escrituras.

Entonces todos lo abandonaron y huyeron. Cierto joven que se cubría con solo una sábana iba siguiendo a Jesús. Lo detuvieron, pero él soltó la sábana y escapó desnudo.

La palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Dios.**

*(English)*

Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who were from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.  Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard.” After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, “ Rabbi!” and kissed Him.  They laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.  And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as you would against a robber?  Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures.”  And they all left Him and fled.

 A young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him. But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

Let us hear Living Words. **Thanks be to God.**

**Response Spirit of the Living God** Paul W And Christine W, musicians

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

**Sermon Jesus’ Secret Friend**  Rev. Dr. Lea Brown, preacher

**Community Prayer A Prayer for Peace** Christine W., liturgist

Creator God, in whom all peace is grounded,

kindle in our hearts the presence of love and healing,

and guide us with pure and peaceful wisdom.

We pray peace:

In places of war

And for people displaced;

For those who are victims of violence

And those who foment violence;

For the suffering voiceless

And those who make decisions for many;

For all of Nature

and those who would destroy the harmony of creation;

For all who work for peace

And all whose awareness does not contain peace.

We pray also for ourselves

That we will learn the ways of peace,

Within and without,

And become a blessing in this world. Amen

**Offertory** Christine W., exhortant

**Solo “We Can Be Kind”**  Erik W and Joey D, musicians

**Communion** Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston and Rev. Pressley S., celebrant

Jori , acolyte

C: God is with you. **All: And also with you**

C: Let us open our hearts. **All: We open them to God**

C: Let us give God thanks and praise **All: It is a good and joyful thing to do**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**Mi corazón te adora**

**Mi corazón sabe decir**

**Santo eres tú**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**My heart, my heart adores you**

**My heart knows how to say to you**

**You are holy, God**

**Announcements** Rev. Pressley S, liturgist

* **New Book Group - “Jesus in Love: A Novel” by Kittredge Cherry, ch. 5-ch. 8** Tuesday, June 25th, 7:30pm on Zoom.
* **New Mountain Spirit Video Series** being created by David R. Three questions:

1. What makes Mountain Spirit MCC different than other churches?

2. What brought you to Mountain Spirit?

3. Do you have an experience/testimonial about something important/good that has

happened with you while at Mountain Spirit?

**Benediction** Rev. Pressley S., liturgist

**All will be well; and all will be well;**

**And all manner of thing will be well;**

**All will be well, be well.**

**Go out with peace. Go out with kindness. Go out with Love,**

**In the name of the Creator, Christ, Comforter, and All that are Wise and Good. Amén/Amen**