



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**January 7, 2018 10:00AM
Baptism of Christ**

Gather in God's Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. * Stand as you are able. Please sign the fellowship pad, found on the chair on the center aisle. When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

Prelude

My Son, The Beloved
Madeline Bosma-Soprano

David Blackwell

The Prelude will begin at 10:00. Worshipers are requested to conclude conversation and listen prayerfully as spiritual preparation to hear God's Word in worship.

Lighting of the Christ Candle, Pouring of Water and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Minute for Stewardship

Fran Moran

Introit

Take Me to the Water

African American Spiritual

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Co-Leader: Rev. Denise Edwards

With power and gentleness, the depths of God's grace wash over us.

We gather to sing "Glory!" to God, whose holy name is awesome.

With majesty and blessedness, the Lord calls to us.

We gather in prayer, to be surprised by God.

With joy and a warm welcome, the Lord calls us to the feast of renewal.

**We honor the wonders and truth of the Lord our God,
whose name and holy presence inspire our worship. Amen.**

***Hymn #490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Call to Confession

John the Baptist appeared in the desert near the Jordan River, preaching that people should be ritually cleansed through baptism with water as a sign of both their changed hearts and God's forgiveness of their sins. People came to John and confessed that they were deeply flawed and needed help, so he cleansed them with the waters of the Jordan. Following their example, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We would have followed Jesus last week, O God,
but we were afraid of where that might lead.
We would have prioritized the needs of the poor, but we have needs, too.
We would have shared your good news,
but we didn't want to impose our faith on others.
We would have told people of the freedom you offer,
but we were captivated by other concerns.
We would have helped the blind recover their sight,
but we couldn't see how to go about it.
We would have struggled to free the oppressed,
but then the oppressors might have come for us.
O God, remind us: we were baptized not in the name of a timid bystander,
but in the name of Jesus. He immersed himself in this world
to proclaim your Kingdom come, on earth as in heaven.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
Today is the day; now is the time for us to come clean.
O God, change our hearts and forgive us as we forgive those who have wronged us.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)

***Sung Response**

Tune: 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Jesus came down to the Jordan, and John cleansed him through baptism
in the same way all the others were ritually cleansed.
But as Jesus was coming out of the waters, he looked up and saw the sky split open.
The Spirit of God descended upon him like a dove, and a voice echoed in the heavens:
"You are my Son, My beloved One, and I am very pleased with you."
We, too, are God's beloved daughters and sons.
Forgiven in Christ, we are free to live lives that are pleasing to God! Amen.

***Sung Response**

Tune: 2276

Glory to God in the highest!
Sing glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!

***The Passing of Christ's Peace** The peace of Jesus Christ be with you...and also with you!
You may turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem

Rain Down
Mountain Shadows Choir

Jaime Cortez

Proclaim God's Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7

(N.T. pg. 130; lg. print pg.169)

Response

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

To Lay a New Foundation

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #515**

I Come with Joy, verses 1-4

Respond to God

A Thank You Moment

Dan Linegar

Invitation to the Offering and the Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns

God sent Jesus in power to reconcile all people to God.

God fills us with the Spirit to witness to Christ's life-giving grace.

Let us use our gifts and offerings to fulfill God's mission in our church and community.

The Offertory

Wash O God Your Sons & Daughters

Beach Spring

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Jesus' love often comes into our lives in quiet, unexpected ways.

O God, we respond to Christ's compassion

and commit ourselves to living in a manner worthy of him.

Looking forward to his arrival, we offer you these gifts. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

The Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

How majestic is your name in all the earth, O Lord our Sovereign!

The heavens reflect your glory

and the earth proclaims the wonder of your loving care.

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In the fullness of time you crowned creation with the coming of your Son.
As Jesus' baptized disciples, we are immersed in his love.
**By your Holy Spirit and the grace that comes to us at Christ's table,
form us into a new creation.**
Empower us to envision your new heaven and new earth,
as we work for love and justice and sing to your glory.

Communion Song

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world;
Let us be wine, love freely poured;
Let us be one in the Lord! (repeat once)**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Sacrament by Intinction

*Please come forward to be served. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.
Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

**Light of life, in our sharing of your holy meal,
you have been made present to us.
Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence throughout the world.
Inspire all Creation to sing new songs of gladness
and walk in the way of your peace. Amen.**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Engleberg

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.