



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 10:00 AM
Baptism of the Lord

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 *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* Arr. Ed Hogan
 Mountain Shadows Ensemble

Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Croly & Atkinson

Call to Worship and the Pouring of Water (responsive, based on Psalm 29:10-4 and 10-11)
Worship Co-Leader: Rod Hutton

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

(Please pause in silence as water is poured into the baptismal font.)

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

May the Lord bless the people with peace!

***Hymn #10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

Call to Confession (based on Luke 3:15-16)

As the people were filled with expectation,
all were questioning in their hearts concerning John the Baptist,
whether he might be the Messiah. John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming;
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**You come to us in power, O God—
the power that stirs up storms and makes mountains rise.
Yet you also come to us in gentleness—
the gentleness of Jesus immersed in water, praying to you.
We bow before your majesty, our God, and we take comfort in your gentleness.
In your power, remove from us the burdens we need no longer carry.
In tender mercy, wash us clean and hold us close.
Hear the silent prayers of our hearts.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
Let your Spirit descend on us, O God.
Help us hear your word today. May we know you love us deeply and redeem us.
By your grace outpoured in Jesus Christ, grant us your peace. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)**

Sung Response of Baptismal Remembrance

Tune: 482, Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's people;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Luke 3:21-22)

Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
the heaven was opened,
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
“**You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.**”
As Jesus' own sisters and brothers, we, too, are God's beloved daughters and sons.
Alleluia! 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.

Choral Anthem

Rain Down
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Jaime Cortez

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

(O.T. pg. 631; lg. print pg. 822)

Response

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

Sermon

The Frequency of Courage

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #661** Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Respond to God

A Moment to Thank You

Rod Hutton

Invitation to Offering (based on 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 and 13-14)

In preparation to make our offerings today
and our stewardship commitments next week,
let us hear these ancient words of the Apostle Paul,
which still guide Christians to live and give courageously:
“Now concerning the collection for the saints:
you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia.
On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save
whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.
And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters
to take your gift to Jerusalem. Keep alert, stand firm in your faith,
be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

The Offertory

You Are Mine

D. Haas

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit ever more.
Praise God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Because you have given us strength, O God;
because you have given us peace,
we are able to make these grateful offerings
to support the work of your church. In the coming week,
guide our stewardship decisions. Equip us to be strong and courageous in faith.
Prepare us to commit a right portion of our means
to the ministry of this congregation, so that we may honor you
and thrive as a people centered in Christ, caring for community. Amen.**

Give Thanks to God

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

You are invited to speak your prayer requests first on behalf of the wider world; then for those close to you, and for yourself.

The People's Prayer and 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.**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #375**

Shall We Gather at the River

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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R. Lowry

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.