

Mountain View United Methodist Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025
10:30 am

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Lori Jones

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church!

We are a *BIG PICTURE* congregation of believing ... thinking ... questioning ... and welcoming people.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Our mission is to love unconditionally ... grow spiritually ... and serve faithfully through Christ.

Come ... love ... grow ... and serve with us!

Please make sure to sign in in the black attendance book in your row. Please include your address if you are new to Mountain View or have a change of address.

Prelude: "I Will Arise" Clarke Becker, Cherese Brower, and Sharon Pletcher, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin

The Greeting

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters of the earth.

People: **Our spiritual lives feel dry. We come seeking God's voice affirming that we belong to God's love and grace.**

Leader: You do belong to God! That is what your baptism confirms.

People: **Today let us remember our baptism and our role in working together to build God's Kingdom of love and justice for all persons.**

Hymns: "O Spirit Come, Renew Your Church"

O Spirit come, renew your church
And set our hearts ablaze for you
Enliven us with Christ like love
Unite us all in grateful praise

O Spirit come, renew your church
May you refresh again our song,
Come warm our hearts, stretch out our hands
So others know that they belong.

O Spirit come, renew your church
Let scripture light with Christ our way
Help us to help and grow in grace
O You the source of all rebirth.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you,**

Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal # 431

Children are invited to come forward during this song to join our Children's time.

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other.
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment.
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Children's Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Mission Moment

The Offering Plates

This month's special communion offering is *Community Lunch*. If you would like to make an offering online, see our virtual offertory basket at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory Music: "Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel" Clarke Becker, Cherese Brower, and Sharon Pletcher, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin

Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

TO PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Anthem: "One King" Chancel Choir, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin, directed by Cherese Brower

Scripture: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Message: "Remembering Our Baptism" Rev. Jeff Wakeley

Remembering our Baptism

Minister: Remember your baptism and be thankful. Let us pray. . .

People: **O God of all love and grace, I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine, so be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" Hymnal # 451

Mary Byrne and Carlton R. Young, The United Methodist Publishing House

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sending Forth

Postlude: "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman