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Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Cantabile [Op. 41, #4] Paulette McClellan

by Alexandre Guimant

*Call to Worship Anne Loveless

One: Do you have time to worship?

Many: We take time to worship so we may realize that all time is holy.

One: Let us center our lives in the love of God in this time together.

Many: Whatever else is going on, in this time together we share in

the healing presence of the Mystery of God.

*Opening Hymn

My Life Flows On

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*Opening Prayer

Anne

Though our mortal brains can only comprehend ideas and images of you, God beyond all gods, we come seeking deeper awareness. We also come seeking your strength, your comfort, and your guidance. Awaken our spirits in this time of worship so we can better serve you and be your partners in serving others. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Anne

Thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Jacob, the one 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, Ethiopia 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."

One: A word from God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Hymn

Into My Heart

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@montevista.org.)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dawn

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dawn

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

A Joyful Song

Vista Voices

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Sermon Text

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Steve

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, 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. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 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."

One: A word from God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Baptism by Fire"

Rev. Steve

Response in Song

Passed Thru the Waters

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Wayne Hammar

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*Communion Hymn

O God Unseen Yet Ever Near

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Words of Institution

Prayers for the Flement

Rev. Steve

Prayers for the Elements

Wayne

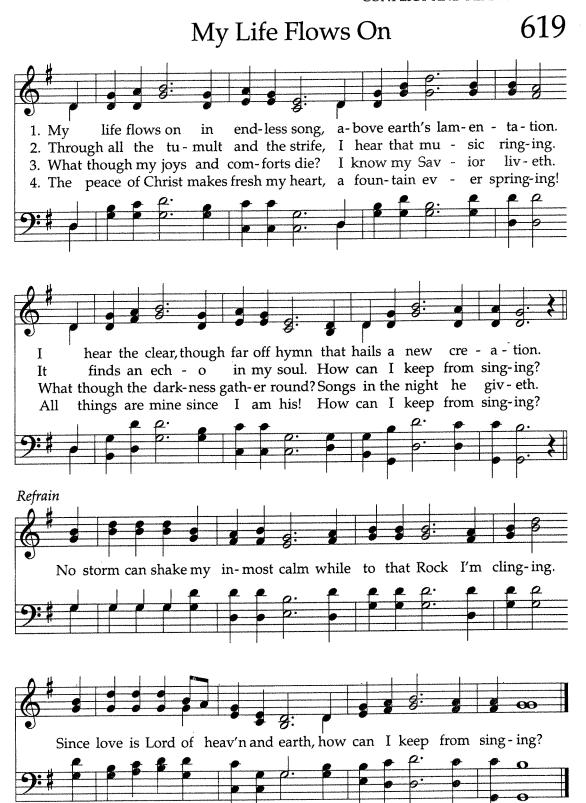
Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Rev. Steve
Invitation to the Community of MVCC
Rev. Dawn
*Closing Hymn
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
*Announcements
Rev. Dawn
*Benediction
Rev. Steve
Postlude
Prelude on 'A Rouen Melody'
By Healy Willan

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Anne Loveless, Worship Leader Wally Miller, Sound Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist Rev. Stephen Miller, Preaching

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister





WORDS and MUSIC: Harry D. Clarke, 1924

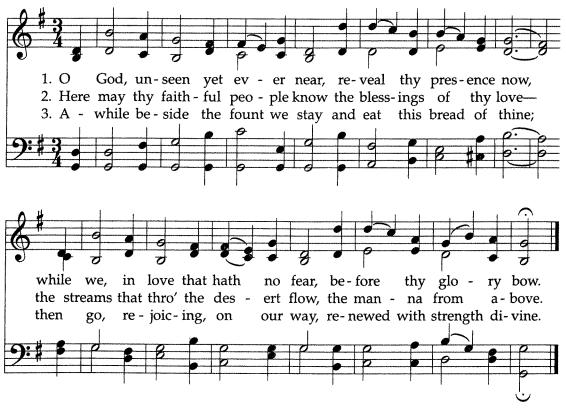
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## O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near



WORDS: Edward Osler, 1836; alt.

MUSIC: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

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# 614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



- 2. I'm gonna work...
- 3. I'm gonna pray...
- 4. I'm gonna sing...

WORDS: African-American spiritual

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

I'M GONNA LIVE Irr.