

Mountain View United Methodist Church
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 26, 2025
10:30 AM

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Beth Tinsley

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: "Be Thou My Vision" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman

Arranged by Ellen Foncannon

The Greeting

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

People: **We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

People: **We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

People: **We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymns of Praise: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymnal # 57 verses 1 & 2

Charles Wesley and Carl G. Glaser, arranged by Lowell Mason

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

“The King of Glory Comes” The Faith We Sing # 2091

Rev. Willard F. Jabusch

The King of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory;
How shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel,
The promised of ages.

The King of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.

In all of Galilee,
In city or village,
He goes among his people,
Curing their illness.

The King of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.

Sing then of David's son
Our Savior and brother;
In all of Galilee
Was never another.

The King of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.

Affirmation of Faith: “A Modern Affirmation” Hymnal #885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

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: "It Is Well With My Soul" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman
Arranged by Ellen Foncannon

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

Special Music: "As the Deer" Chancel Choir, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin directed by Hadi Gibbons

Keith Christopher, Daybreak Music

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Message: "Picking a Fight" Rev. Jeff Wakeley

Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" Hymnal # 156

Katherine Hankey and William G. Fischer

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard

the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

The Sending Forth

Postlude: "Dona, Nobis, Pacem" Cheryl Conklin and MaryEllen Zimmerman
Arranged by Ellen Foncannon