

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

***Susan B. Anthony:** Following an impressive career in opera, spanning the globe and nearly 30 years, she is enjoying "semi-retirement" dividing her time between teaching in Europe, giving Masterclasses, adjudicating, and her many personal interests. Thanks, Susan, for again sharing your beautiful voice with us.

Pray Like Jesus: Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer continues on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. It's not too late to join this class. Come and find out why people loved this class last fall.

Turning the Gem resumes Monday, January 8th at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Pastor Diane reminds us again why hearing and studying scripture is so important by looking at a beautiful story in the Old Testament. We will turn the Gem – the Bible – to discover its edges, layers and depths.

Rev. Mark Medina is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or iced tea.

Mission Breakfast Featuring Youth on Their Own (YOTO): Plan to come to our first Mission Breakfast of 2018! We will have a guest speaker from YOTO talk about their programs and services for youth, who, through no fault of their own, are growing up without the safety and stability of a home. The breakfast is Saturday, January 13th at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be on sale today in Charter Hall. Flyers about the breakfast are available at the Visitor Centers and the information is in the January Valley Voice. Consider bringing an item or two for their Mini Mall. Hope to see you there! (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO)

Music in the Valley: Tickets for Russell Ronnebaum (January 12, 6:00 p.m.) are on sale in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir are also available (February 26, 7:00 p.m. and February 27, 2:00 p.m.). Because the Sanctuary Choir performances are ticketed events, no free-will offering will be collected and your ticket will go directly to support the Music Ministry. Tickets are valid at either or both performances!

A Spiritual Journey Through the Parables: Saturday, January 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. A retreat for men and women by Pastors Diane Christopher and Barb Streng. In the days between taking down the tinsel and the lamenting of Lent, we set aside a day to reflect on the sacred stories of our lives. Sign up today at the Faith Formation Kiosk in Fellowship Hall. \$10 covers materials, snacks and lunch.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Marvin Clark, Barbara Dittmer,
Rick & Pat Nau

Information Center

Katie Rusk

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Owl Express

Keith Adrian, Mike Peake

Welcome Centers

John & Sandy Green

La Posada Service of Worship

Marti Long, Rev. Dr. Lloyd,
Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Charlie Ashton, Alan Lee, Louise Ehinger Rowe, John Vold



The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness
to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Vinson R. (Bud) Simpson

January 1

The College of Elders will meet Tuesday, January 9th at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

Journey Ahead Group (JAG) invites you to their final public forum on Wednesday, January 10th at 2 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Come to express your praises and concerns regarding VPC.

Attention MEN! The Women's Ministries January luncheon and program will be open for MEN to join us. On Tuesday, January 16, at 11:30 a.m., Georgina Jacquez, Park Ranger with Tumacacori National Historical Park, will present: *Life on the Frontier*, discussing the missionary goals and challenges, the cultures of the Pimeria Alta, and the legacy of these people. Join us for stories of those who pursued their dreams, sacrificed all, and endured in an ever changing land of southern Arizona. Reservations can be made today for \$11 at the Women's Ministries table in Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, January 21st at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a dinner featuring pot roast, then at 6:00 p.m., a program by the Hardscrabble Road Band with lead vocalists Katie Sayre and Larry Worster. Tickets (\$11) will be available in Fellowship Hall today.

Wednesday, January 10th - A Celtic Ceilidh Service

A service based on a Celtic Spirituality service at the Abbey on the Isle of Iona, Scotland.



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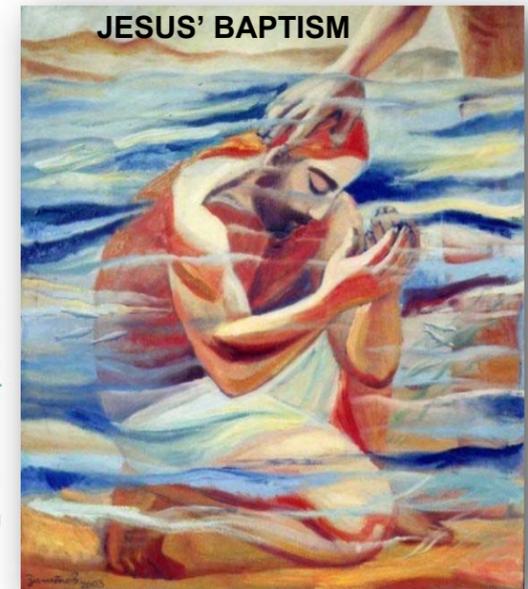


REV. MARK A. MEDINA, *Transitional Pastor*
REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. DR. LINDA LLOYD, *Interim Pastor of Care*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✠ All those who are able may stand.

9:30 a.m.

January 7, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward. Give us an unconquered heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Medina

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR INVITATION

Dick Horn

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water.

P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

Alelluja, K. 165

W.A. Mozart

Susan B. Anthony* - soloist

INTROIT

As The Deer

2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 29

Rev. Christopher

L: Give to the Lord the glory due God's name.

P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

P: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

P: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Today we remember Jesus' baptism.

P: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have not always remembered our baptism. We have forgotten that we are marked as your own. We have not acted as members of the body of Christ. Help us to look on your Son as our model and to take his humility upon ourselves. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Hear the Good News of Salvation Nettleton 355

**Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

ANTHEM *Can You Drink the Cup?* Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

Can you drink the cup, embrace it in your hands?
Can you look inside and face what it demands?
In the wine you see reflections of your soul.
No one else can drink this cup that you must hold.

Can you drink the cup? Then you must lift it high
though this cup of joy holds pain and sacrifice.
When you lift your cup, raise it unafraid.
Lift it up, this cup of life, and celebrate.

Can you drink the cup until there is no more?
When the wine is gone, Christ Himself will pour.
Though you drink it all the cup is never dry,
God keeps filling it with everlasting life.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11 (Pew Bible p. 1551)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Mark of Mud" Rev. Christopher

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus* 2251

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Exsultate jubilate, K. 165* W.A. Mozart
Susan B. Anthony - soloist

✦DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: In a wild whisper you spoke to chaos, God of the waters of life...and as he was baptized, you declared, "Here is my son, the Beloved One."

**People: Blessed is the One who is your heart's true delight.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Jesus, Lord of all, he came...lifting him up, as you proclaimed, "Here is my Son, the Resurrected One."

**People: You spread the Table before us; Its healing grace
strengthening us. We share the Cup of salvation; its
tender love nourishing us.**

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free bread is in small plastic packets. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served from a tray may so indicate to an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptized into his name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* 2158

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

✦POSTLUDE *Fanfare in G major* Edward Broughton

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "The Mark of Mud"

Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to see him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Exploring Membership Class

Tuesdays, January 30th, February 6th and 13,
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What does it mean to be a member? Why join a church? How is the Presbyterian Denomination different from other denominations? What ministries do we do at Valley?

Come to this class to find the answers to these questions and so much more. At the end of the class, you will have the opportunity to become a regular member or an associate member (an associate member keeps their membership in a "home" church).

To register, contact Pastor Diane at 625-5023.