

**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 #744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Evan Dain - Banjo

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



**SUMMER  
Office Hours**  
Monday – Thursday  
8:15am – 2:00 pm  
**Friday - CLOSED**

**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, May 28, 2017  
The Seventh Sunday in Eastertide  
Celebrating Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers  
10:00 AM**

**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** *I’ll Fly Away* Albert Brumley  
McDee – Soprano, Evan Dain - Banjo

*The Prelude will begin at 10:00. Worshipers are requested to conclude conversation and listen prayerfully as spiritual preparation to hear God’s Word in worship.*

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors**

**Introit** *Listen, God is Calling* Kenyan

**Call to Worship** (responsive, adapted from Luke 24:45-53) Erik Sandstrom

Jesus Christ opens our minds  
so we can comprehend the meaning of the Scriptures.  
This is what the Scriptures say:  
**that the promised One, the Anointed One, Jesus,  
loved God and loved all people.  
He poured out his life.  
He suffered and died, and rose from the dead on the third day.**  
In his name a radical change of thought and life is possible.  
In his name the forgiveness of sins is offered to us.  
Jesus lifts up his hands and blesses his people.  
**Let us worship him with joy-filled hearts.  
Let us lift up our hearts and celebrate God. Amen!**

**\*Hymn #267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**Call to Confession** (adapted from 1 Peter 4:12-13)

Graham Duncan

Let us not be surprised when we experience trial by fire.  
It is not something strange and unusual.  
It is something we can even rejoice in  
because in our fiery ordeals, we share in Jesus' suffering.  
We will be that much more joyful when his glory is revealed to the world.  
Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison, based on 1 Peter 5:6-11)

**We bow down, O God, under your strong hand.  
We humble ourselves, trusting that, in time, you will lift us up.  
We know that you care for us.  
Carry for us our burdens and worries.  
When pressures mount and our stresses increase,  
we find it hard to practice our faith.  
When anxiety gets the better of us,  
we feel threatened, as by a prowling enemy.  
Strengthen our spirits, we pray. Bolster our resistance.  
Remind us of others throughout the world who suffer.**  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
Call us to your everlasting presence, O God.  
**Through Jesus, support us, restore us, strengthen and ground us.  
All power belongs to you, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

Tune: 447, We Are Forgiven

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!**

**Words of Assurance** (a poem written and presented by Mary Baldwin)

*I followed the javelina-trail  
To the hilltop with the saguaro bones  
And I looked.  
To the East the hills and cliffs, cut by rivers,  
Rock in rolling colors all the shades of flame.  
I looked up and lifted the brim of my hat  
But not even then could I see all the expanse of clear sky.  
I looked down and saw among the stones a forest of yellow wildflowers,  
Tiny precious suns,  
And one alone was white and I  
Do not know which view was the most wonderful.*

**\*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**

Mary Baldwin

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.*

**Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers' Words of Witness**

Erik Sandstrom, Mary Baldwin, Mirra Matheson, Graham Duncan, Rachel Lovins

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading**

John 17: 1-11

(N.T. pg.105, lg. print pg.136)

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

**Pastoral Message**

*A Sending Prayer*

Rev. Rachel Srubas

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to Offering** (based on words written and presented by Rachel Lovins)

Jesus doesn't call us to think about what we don't have.  
He calls us to think about what we do have.  
*Go and see what you have,* he tells the disciples.  
In gratitude to God, let us give some of what we have.  
Our offerings will now be received.

**The Offertory**

*Swing Lo Sweet Chariot*

African American

McDee – Soprano, Evan Dain - Banjo

**\*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** (based on words written and presented by Mirra Matheson)

O God, you have created us with passions and values,  
equipped us with skills,  
and called us to experience the world around us.  
You encourage us to ask questions.  
You have given us a story  
and encouraged us to share it as we build relationships.  
May the offerings we place before you share the story of your love for the world.  
And may the church help to build our relationships  
with one another and with you. Amen.