



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, July 9, 2017
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

Chris Tackett

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

Minute for Just Coffee

Aniversario Café Justo y Más

Irene Camp

Learning a New Song #851 *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Call to Worship (responsive; adapted from Matthew 11:28-30, *The Message*)

Worship Co-Leader:

Irene Camp

Jesus asks us, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?"

Oh, yes. Sometimes we are tired, weak, and worn.

Jesus says to us, "Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life.

I'll show you how to take a real rest."

Lord, how we need to be restored. Where will we find help?

Jesus answers us, "Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

In the company of Christ and one another,

may we live in God's light and learn the ways of Jesus' love. Amen!

Call to Confession

In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul spoke of sin.
He may have been writing of his personal experiences as a Christian.
He may have been assuming the posture of the "universal human,"
writing of the difficulties faced by all humanity.
Either way, let us pray Paul's confession together
and seek God's grace for ourselves and one another.

Prayer of Confession (unison, adapted from Romans 7:13-25, Contemporary English Version)

**O God, I don't understand why I act the way I do.
I don't do what I know is right. I do the things I hate.
I am not the one doing these evil things.
The sin that lives in me is what does them.
Even when I want to do right, I cannot.
With my whole heart I agree with your law, O God.
But in every part of me I discover something fighting against my mind,
and it makes me a prisoner of sin that controls what I do.
Who will rescue me from this body that is doomed to die?
Thank you, God! Jesus Christ will rescue me.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
Let us pray together again.
In your sight, O God,
with my sisters and brothers in faith,
I have acknowledged my inner conflicts and my need for help.
Take my burdens from me and make me whole, through Jesus Christ. 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 (responsive, adapted from Romans 8:1-2)

We belong to Jesus. We need not fear.
The Holy Spirit gives us life that comes from Christ,
and sets us free from sin and death.
**God is compassionate and Jesus understands our struggles.
The Holy Spirit frees us to live unburdened
in gratitude and joy. Alleluia!**

***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**

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.

Special Music

Chris Tackett

Proclaim God's Word

Responsive Reading Psalm 145: 8-14 (O.T. pg.549, lg. print pg.714)

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:28-30 (N.T. pg.11, lg. print pg.14)

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

Sermon An Unburdening Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn #851** *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God (sing three times)*

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering (responsive, adapted from Galatians 6:9)

May we never tire of doing what is good and right before our Lord
because according to God's timing, we shall bring in a great harvest,
if we can just persist.

**Let us seize any opportunity the Lord gives us to do good things
and be a blessing to everyone, especially those within our faithful family.
Let us give our gifts to God.**

The Offertory *Long Black Train* Josh Turner
The Back Row Boys—Chuck Lamkin and Ken McAllister

***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**

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 #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



SUMMER Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:15am – 2:00 pm

Friday - CLOSED