



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, July 16, 2017  
The Fifteenth 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**

**Introit**

Chris Tackett

**Call to Worship** (responsive; adapted from Psalm 27)      **Worship Co-Leader:** Dave Smith

God is the light that keeps us safe. We need not be afraid.

Fierce enemies may attack, but they will fall.

**We ask only one thing of the LORD:**

**Let us live in your house every day of our lives**

**to see how wonderful you are**

**and to pray in your temple.**

In times of trouble, God will protect us.

The Holy One will keep us safe.

**Then we will celebrate as we enter God's house**

**with songs of praise. Amen!**

**\*Hymn #610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, verses 1-3*

**Call to Confession** (Matthew 14:25-27, New Living Translation)

About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward his disciples, walking on the water. When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

But Jesus spoke to them at once.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**You, O God, are a refuge for the frightened,  
a safe sanctuary for the soul at risk.**

**Your steadfast love surrounds us;  
your peace holds us secure.**

**When we forget that you are the light of our salvation,  
we dread the threats that beset the world.**

**When terrors, real or imagined, make us fearful,  
fear encroaches on our faith,**

**and we attempt to secure and control our lives.**

**We lose sight of the truth that in all times,  
you shelter those who love you.**

**Anxiety and worry, fear and fretting  
come between our hearts and yours.**

**When we face real dangers, remind us:  
we face them not alone, but with you, our guardian God.**

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

Lord, we take courage in your presence.

**Forgive us for letting fear direct our steps.**

**Embolden us to live as people confident in Christ,**

**convinced that you can be counted on, no matter what. 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, derived from "Amazing Grace")

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
we have already come.

**God's grace has kept us safe thus far,  
and grace will lead us home!**

**\*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**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 5:3-5 14-17, 30-36 (N.T. pg. 37, lg. print pg. 47)

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

**Sermon** Facing Fear Faithfully Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn #815** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to Offering** (Unison: A Prayer by Ann Weems, from *Searching for Shalom*)

O Lord, forgive our fears that so stifle our stewardship.  
Forgive our giving in and our giving up  
instead of giving ourselves to Christ's mission of love.  
Remind us that our hope is in standing up and risking,  
in taking our stewardship seriously.  
Help us to remember, O Lord, that the stewardship question is not really,  
How much will we give?  
The stewardship question is, How will we spend what we have been given?  
We pray it will be faithfully and cheerfully. Amen.

**The Offertory**

Chris Tackett

**\*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 #649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

Chris Tackett

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



### **SUMMER Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday  
8:15am – 2:00 pm

Friday - CLOSED