



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, July 23, 2017
The Sixteenth 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

Moment by Moment/Le Cigne

Arr. Cindy Berry

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

Learning a New Song #406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Call to Worship (responsive; adapted from Psalm 86)

Worship Co-Leader: Allison Townsend

Teach us your way, LORD, so that we may walk in your truth.

Make our hearts focused only on honoring your name.

We give thanks to you, our Lord, our God,

with all our hearts,

and we will glorify your name forever.

Your faithful love toward humankind is awesome.

You have rescued us from the deepest pain.

You, Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy;

you are very patient and full of faithful love. Amen!

***Hymn #406**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

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

Our God has taught us that people who are just must also be kind.

God fills the faithful with good hope,

inviting us to be honest, correct our mistakes, and make a fresh start.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, adapted from The Wisdom of Solomon 12)

**O God, Your Spirit is present in all things.
Little by little you correct those who have taken the wrong path.
Remind us of how we have turned away from you,
so that we can be set free from sin and believe in you.
You judge us little by little to give us a chance
to change our hearts and minds.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

There is no God other than you, who care for everyone.

Your strength is the very origin of our strength.

Because you rule over all, you spare all.

You govern us with amazing restraint.

You teach us that when we are judged,

we can expect your mercy, 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 The Wisdom of Solomon 15)

Our God is good and true, very patient, governing everything in mercy.

Even if we turn away from God, we will still belong to God.

May we not turn away, because we are God's own people.

Perfection of life is to know God.

Faith in Christ is the root from which grows everlasting life. 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

There is a Longing
Charmaine Piane-Dame

By Anne Quigley

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

(O.T. pg.24; lg. print pg.30)

Response

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

Sermon

Thin Places

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn #401

Here in This Place

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering

The Offertory

God is Here Today

By Galeano & Hawn

*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 #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Psalm XVIII

By B. Marcello

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



SUMMER Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:15am – 2:00 pm

Friday - CLOSED