



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, July 30, 2017  
The Gospel in Scripture and Song  
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**

*Allegretto Opus 137*

Furstenau

Marilyn Skoneczka & Sandy Mader - Flute

*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**

*Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise*

J Arthur & R Nelson

**Call to Worship** (responsive; adapted from Psalm 105)      **Worship Co-Leader:** Sam Leeper

Give thanks to God and call on God's name.

**Sing to God; sing praises to God!**

Make known God's deeds among the people.

**Sing to God; sing praises to God!**

Seek God's presence and God's strength.

**Sing to God; sing praises to God!**

Let us worship our God, for God is faithful. Amen.

**\*Hymn #267**

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

**Call to Confession** (adapted from Romans 8:26-27)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit.

The Spirit intercedes for the faithful according to the will of God.

Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Our gracious and ever loving God,  
we come in the midst of summer, looking for refreshment.**

**We rest in the knowledge  
of the wonderful works you have done for us.  
We give thanks for your deep and abiding love for us  
and for all people.**

**Search our hearts, O God.  
If you find within us any hardness of heart,  
or any wrongdoing, forgive us.**

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
**Fill our souls with your indwelling Spirit.**

**Whisper to us that all will be well  
if we trust in you.**

**Shine your light before us,  
so that we may see our path to you  
and give of ourselves to bring about  
your kingdom on earth, 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 8:38)

No matter what, nothing,  
absolutely nothing, can ever separate us  
from God's presence and God's love.  
**God has done wonderful works for us.  
God's promises are sure!**

**\*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

*How Great Thou Art* Arr. Nicole Chamberlain  
Marilyn Skoneczka & Sandy Mader – Flute

## Singing the Gospel

**First Gospel Reading** Matthew 9:9-13 (N.T. pg.8; lg. print pg.10)

**Hymn #418** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

**Second Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-36 (N.T. pg.84; lg. print pg.109)

**Hymn #472** *Kum ba Yah*

**Pastoral Message** The Story of a Song Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn #462** *I Love to Tell the Story*

## Respond to God

**Invitation to Offering** (based on Romans 8:28 and 32)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
God gave Jesus Christ for all of us, and will give us everything else.  
Confident in God's abundant grace,  
let us give our offerings to support the ministries of Christ's church.

## **The Offertory**

*Andante* Furstenau  
Marilyn Skoneczka & Sandy Mader - Flute

## **\*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** (unison, based on Matthew 13:31-32)

O God, the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed  
that someone took and sowed in a field.  
It is the smallest of all the seeds,  
but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree.  
Birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.  
May these, our offerings, from the smallest to the greatest,  
grow according to your purposes  
and extend your goodness through the church, to the world. Amen!

## 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 #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Allegretto*

Mozart

Marilyn Skoneczka & Sandy Mader - Flute

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



## **SUMMER Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday  
8:15am – 2:00 pm

**Friday - CLOSED**