



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

August 6, 2017 10:00AM
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Liebestraum

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Lathbury & Sherwin

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Co-Leader: Gay Russell

Our Lord is kind and thoughtful,
and is near to everyone whose prayers are sincere.

**God satisfies the desires of all worshipers,
and comes to save us when we ask for help.**

Let each generation announce to the next
the Holy One's wonderful and powerful deeds.

God is good to everyone, and takes care of all creation.

We praise our Creator, our Redeemer, our Savior! Amen.

***Hymn #2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Call to Confession

We come to God in prayer
so that we may go out into the world as new persons,
as God's own beloved people.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

At times, O God, we are so focused on what can't be done,
that we overlook all the possibilities before us.

At times, we would rather send away people in need
than pool our resources to make sure all needs are met.

At times, *we* are the hungry ones—
if not for bread, for companionship.

We need to hear Jesus, calling each one of us by name.

We need to place our meager faith in his hands
so that he may multiply it and bless us.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

You are the God of more than enough.

You are the God of possibilities. Thank you for gathering us to yourself.

Thank you for Jesus, who shows us your abundant love.

Forgiven and fed, we have plenty of blessings to spare. 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.

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Words of Assurance (responsive)

When we stumble or fall, God gives a helping hand.

Everyone can depend on God, who provides us with forgiveness and food.

By God's own hand, we are satisfied.

Everything our God does is kind and thoughtful.

The Holy One is near to everyone who prays. Amen.

***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

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

Jayne Raffety, Soprano – Jeff States, Tenor

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

(N.T. pg 15; lg. print pg.19)

Response

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

Sermon

Food Deserts

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #498** *Loves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering and the Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns

Today, joys and concerns will be expressed in writing and placed in the offering plates.

Pastor Rachel Srubas and Deacons will lift up requested prayers during the coming week.

The Offertory

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Croly & Atkinson

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small
in comparison to the vast needs in the world. Yet we have brought what we can.
As you once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish,
multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again,
the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.**

Give Thanks to God

The Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

And yet, O God, we come to your table believing in our emptiness.

We come believing that we will never have enough,

believing that what we have is unworthy.

**We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

We come overwhelmed by the hunger and suffering of people near and far,
overwhelmed by news of violence, greed, and death.

It is to such a world that Jesus has come.

He comes to deserted places, and to weary disciples.

Jesus comes to people who are barely hanging on,

and to people who are afraid of helping others.

Jesus comes to us today, and to our neighbors everywhere.

Lord, we come to your table empty-handed. We offer you our hungry hearts.

We sing for you our song of hope.

Communion Song

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world;
Let us be wine, love freely poured;
Let us be one in the Lord! (repeat once)

The Communion 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Sacrament *Please come forward to be served. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats. Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God,
once again you have offered us your unfailing love and faithfulness,
through your crucified and risen Son, Jesus Christ.
We have worshiped you in spirit and in truth.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
in the sacrament of your boundless grace,
we have recognized Jesus here among us.
Give us courage now to step out in faith to meet you in the world,
and confidence to follow where you lead.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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Text-Green & Old Welsh Melody

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.