



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, September 24, 2017
The Twenty-Fifth 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 *Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father* Arr. Brant Adams
Marilyn Skoneczka - 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

Minute for Mission: Peace & Global Witness Offering, Oct. 1 Dennis Nelson

Introit *O Christ Surround Me* R. Bruxvoort Colligan

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Philippians 1:20-26)

Worship Co-Leader: Dennis Nelson

Longtime friends, newcomers, people of God!

Enter into worship with expectation and hope.

May we never be ashamed of our faith.

May we continue to be bold for Christ.

Trust that our lives will bring honor to Christ.

Grow and experience the joy of our faith.

**We take pride in Jesus Christ because of what he is doing
through the all faithful, including us! Amen.**

***Hymn #305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Call to Confession (adapted from Philippians 1:29)

God has generously granted us the privilege not only of believing in Christ
but also of suffering for Christ's sake. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Praiseworthy God of wisdom and kindness,
we come to you with mixed emotions.
We delight in our blessings;
we persevere through ordinary times;
we struggle with difficult days,
wondering what is the purpose of suffering.
Sometimes our own hardships overwhelm us.
Sometimes, other people's challenges make ours seem small.
When we suffer, help us understand
that suffering can make us more compassionate.
Make us more like Jesus, we pray.
Teach us to care for others, as Jesus cares for us.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
You are the God who cares for all creatures of the earth.
For neglecting to serve others,
for focusing too much on ourselves,
O God, forgive us.
Enlarge our concern for our neighbors.
Give us hearts of mercy like the heart of Jesus,
whose love is the wellspring of our faith. 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 Philippians 1:27)

Above all, we must live as citizens of heaven,
conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.
**May we stand together with one spirit and one purpose,
striving together for the faith, which is the Good News. 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.

Choir Anthem:

Rain Down
Mountain Shadows Choir

Jaime Cortez

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11 (O.T. pg. 811; lg. print pg. 1054)

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

Sermon The Morals of the Story Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #30** *O God, in a Mysterious Way*

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering

The Offertory *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic Melody

***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)**

Hear our prayer, O God, for this church.
We are a community of faith
supported by your gifts, which pass through our hands.
Gladly, we lay these offerings before you.
Gratefully, we seek to devote ourselves to you.
We are a changed people because of your kindness.
May this church help those who need help
to experience the love of Christ for all. 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 #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Marilyn Skoneczka - Flute

Arr. Stan Pethel

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:15am – 1:15pm