



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**October 1, 2017 10:00AM  
World Communion Sunday  
Peace & Global Witness Offering**

## 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**

*Panis Angelicus/Bread of Heaven* Arr. Clair Johnson  
Jo Louma-E Flat Alto Horn, Julie Wiens-Flugelhorn

*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**

### **Learning a New Song #530**

*One Bread, One Body*

### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

**Worship Co-Leader: Julie Balogh**

When we give thanks to God  
and share the cup of blessing,  
are we not sharing in the lifeblood of Jesus?

**Yes we are! We belong to the one, worldwide family of God.**

And when we give thanks to God and break bread,  
are we not sharing in Christ's body?

**Yes, indeed! We are members of the global body of Christ.**

We, though many, are one body,  
since we all share one bread.

**United with people of Jesus of every time and place,  
we joyfully worship one God of heaven and earth. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn #530**

*One Bread, One Body*

### **Call to Confession**

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation  
are the heart of the gospel in any age.

Our generation stands in particular need of reconciliation in Christ.

Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of compassion and mercy,  
we bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world to you.  
We seek your healing and transforming grace.  
We know that we *all* need your forgiveness.  
So we lift into your presence today not only the victims of conflicts,  
but also those whom we have called our enemies.  
Break down the walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness.  
Open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
We are confident, O God, in your forgiving grace.  
Enable us to build a society where all can belong.  
Teach us to share our gifts in mutual respect.  
Help us envision the new future that you offer to all the world  
through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.  
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

**Tune: 447, We Are Forgiveness**

**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 Psalm 105:1-3)**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, the world is reconciled to God.  
Jesus lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
**By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the church  
to continue and complete the work of reconciliation.**  
We are called to be reconciled to God and to one another. 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**

*Taste and See*

James Moore, Jr

Mountain Shadows Choir

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11

(N.T. pg 186; lg. print pg.240)

**Response**

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

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #707**     *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord, verses 1-2*

### Respond to God

#### **Invitation: Peace and Global Witness Offering and Sharing of Written Prayer Requests**

Christ's church extends beyond these walls and includes believers all over the world.  
When we give to the Peace and Global Witness Offering,  
we support those working to share the dream  
of peace and reconciliation around the world,  
as proclaimed by Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Let us make our offerings in gratitude to God.

*(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**

*Rock of Ages*

Toplady & Hastings

#### **\*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)**

We dedicate these offerings to your purposes, O God.  
Strengthen this congregation through our giving.  
And through the Peace and Global Witness Offering,  
enable your people to address systems of injustice across the world  
and promote the peace of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.**

We have come from east and west, and from north and south,  
to sit at Christ's table in your kingdom, O God.

**We come not because we must, but because you have invited us.**

**We come not because we are strong, but because we seek your strength.**

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In the silence of the morning,  
as the new day dawned around the world,  
people began to gather to worship you, O God,  
amid the sounds of drums or pipes, strings or organs.  
**And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus  
of those who call upon the name of the Lord.**

### **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)**

**O Trinity of love, for the vision of a body  
in which each part works for the health of the whole,  
and for the feast we have shared with Christ,  
where the weakest are guests of honor, and all are fed,  
we give you thanks. Amen.**

### **Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn #774**

*There Is Now a New Creation, verses 1-2*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Ode to Joy*  
Julie Wiens – Trumpet

Beethoven

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.