



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, October 8, 2017  
The Twenty-Seventh 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**

*Here I Am To Worship*

Arr. Mark Hayes

*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**

*Thy Word*

Michael Smith & Amy Grant

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

**Worship Co-Leader:** Skip Brauns

Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

**We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.**

Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

**Praise be to God who calls us to come away.**

**\*Hymn #612**

*We Praise You, O God*

**Call to Confession**

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do.

We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following Jesus' way.

But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on God and rejected God's will for us. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Like the people in the wilderness, O God,  
we create for ourselves idols and worship them,  
only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives.  
And we wonder what went wrong.  
Stop us in our tracks, O Lord.  
Help us to be open to your will for our lives.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
We know what you want us to do.  
Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will.  
Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes.  
Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace.  
Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power  
and help us again to be your disciples,  
offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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)

God, who has never strayed from us, is with us.  
God will heal our hearts and direct your steps.  
**We place our lives in God's loving care. 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.*

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Alice Parker

## Proclaim God's Word

Responsive Reading	Psalm 19	(O.T. pg. 472; lg. print pg. 613)
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:33-46	(N.T. pg. 22; lg. print pg. 29)
Response	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	It Is Marvelous in Our Eyes	Rev. Sara Ver Burg
*Hymn #36	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	

## Respond to God

### Invitation to Offering

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.  
Let us return to God the offerings of our life  
and the gifts of the earth.

The Offertory *Your Law, O Lord is Perfect* Landis & Vulpius

### \*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)

Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom. 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 #541

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Rankin & Williams

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



**Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:15am – 1:15 pm