



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, October 22, 2017
The Twenty-Ninth 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 *I Surrender All/Pathetique-Adagio Cantabile* Weeden & Beethoven

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 *Turn To Me* John Foley

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Isaiah 45:1-6)

Worship Co-Leader: Mary Ann Butler

Hear the word of the Lord:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

God calls us by our names. God is Sovereign, and there is no other; besides the Holy One there is no god. May we know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no Holy One besides God; there is no other. Amen!

***Hymn #69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Call to Confession (adapted from Psalm 99: 4 and 8)

Our God is a lover of fairness who sees that justice is done.
When we pray in God's name,
our Lord answers our prayers and forgives our sins.
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

All-knowing and all-merciful God,
you understand us better than we understand ourselves.
With clear insight and deep compassion,
you see us as we are—
people made in your own image,
beloved and beautiful,
yet also marred and scarred by our lives' struggles,
embittered by hurts and disappointments,
often unaware of our own motives.
Free us from self-deception, O God.
Forgive us for pretending to be who we are not.
Help us recognize why we act as we do.
Guide us to live with discernment and truthfulness.
Protect us from malice and manipulation, we pray.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
O God, Jesus is full of your grace and truth.
Awaken us to the values he embodies.
Amaze us by the wisdom he expresses,
so that we may claim and share
the priceless gift of life in fidelity to him. 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, adapted from Psalm 96:11-13)

Tell the heavens and the earth to be glad and celebrate!
Command the ocean to roar with all of its creatures
and the fields to rejoice with all of their crops.
With every tree in the forest
we will sing joyful songs to the Lord,
who is coming to judge all people on earth
with fairness and truth. 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

You Are Mine
Mountain Shadows Choir

David Haas

Proclaim God's Word

Reading Matthew 22: 15-22 (N.T. pg. 23; lg. print pg. 30)

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

Sermon The Disarming Power of Awareness Rev. Rachel Srubas

* **Hymn of Affirmation #694** *Great God of Every Blessing*

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering (adapted from 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5)

My dear friends, God loves us,
and we know God has chosen us to be God's own people.
When we share the good news,
it is with the power and assurance that come from the Holy Spirit,
and not simply with words.
May our actions and our offerings express our faith in Christ.

The Offertory

We Lift Our Voices

Dwight Liles

***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, adapted from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3)

As we make these offerings to you, O God,
we pray you will be kind to us and bless all the world with peace!
We thank you, God, for this community of faith.
May we always mention one another in our prayers.
Bless our faith and our loving work
and make firm our hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 #697

Take My Life, verses 1-4

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Gordon Young

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:15am – 1:15 pm