



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

November 5, 2017 10:00AM
The Thirty-First 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

I Am the Bread of Life

T. Booth & S. Angrisano

Jeff States-Tenor, Skip Brauns-Baritone

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 Refrain #843

My Soul Is at Rest

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalm 107: 1-3 and 8-9)

Worship Co-Leader: Cassi Fraley

Give thanks to the Lord because God is good;

God's faithful love lasts forever!

We are redeemed by the Lord.

Let us give thanks for God's faithful love

and wondrous works for all people.

God satisfies the ones who are parched with thirst,

and fills up the hungry with good things! Amen.

***Hymn #530**

One Bread, One Body

Call to Confession

The Holy One is our refuge and our strong deliverer.

When our hearts are cast down, God helps us and lifts us up.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, adapted from Psalm 43)

O God, sometimes we ask ourselves,
Why am I so depressed?
Why am I so upset inside?
We even dare to ask,
God, why have you rejected me?
When the pressures and the challenges we face
make it hard for us to find our hope in you,
you remain faithful. You never turn away from us.
Send your light and truth to guide us.
Lift our burdens from us
and lead us in the way of joy and delight.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
God, your holy mountain is our dwelling place.
We come to you, our Saving Presence and our God.
Once again, we place our hope in you
and give you thanks and praise. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 843 My Soul is at Rest

My soul is at rest in God alone;
My salvation comes from God.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

God is our shelter and protector,
the one on whom we lean.
We can hope in God again!
We trust and praise the One who saves us,
our Savior and our God. 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

Simple Gifts
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Jay Althouse

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 43

(O.T. pg 487; lg. print pg.634)

Response

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

Sermon

Hope in God and Roll Up Your Sleeves

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation #772

Live into Hope

Respond to God

Invitation to the Sharing of Written Prayer Requests

(adapted from 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

We have good reason to give thanks to God!
We have taken into ourselves the word of God.
That word is at work in us who believe,
so let us show our thankfulness through our offerings.

*(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

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

African American Spiritual

*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)

As we place these gifts before you, our God,
we remember people who struggle just to make a living.
Through our giving, we express our belief in you
and in your power to work through the church.
May these gifts foster hope and offer help in Jesus' name. 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 thank you for your steadfast love,
and wonderful works to humankind.

**In this congregation, we honor you who turn a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water!**

You provide for the hungry and establish communities.

Through the work of those who sow fields and plant vineyards,
you give the world a fruitful yield.

**Prepare us now, we pray, to enjoy the bounty of your grace
as we eat and drink the good provisions of the land
and celebrate with Jesus, the Savior of the earth.**

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)

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in the sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal realm.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm, verses 1&2*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

JS Bach

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.