



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 10:00 AM
The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Welcoming Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers

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

A Prayer of Serenity
Fran Moran - Soprano

Lynn Shaw Bailey

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

Introducing Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers of the PC(USA)

Introit

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Joshua 24) Worship Co-Leader: Elizabeth Houle

Let us choose this day whom we will serve.

Will we revere the Lord, and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness?

Far be it from us to forsake the Lord and serve lesser leaders!

It is the Lord our God who has brought us up

and freed us from the pain of the past.

God has done great things in our sight.

The Holy One protects us wherever we go.

To the Lord, our God, we incline our hearts;

to the Lord, we listen, and God alone, we serve. Amen.

*Hymn #701

Lord, Prepare Me

Call to Confession (adapted from The Wisdom of Solomon)

Holy Wisdom shines bright and never grows dim;
those who love Wisdom and look for her can easily find her.

Wisdom is quick to make herself known to anyone who seeks her. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of light, let your face shine upon us.
We need your guidance and insight.
We become overwhelmed and unsure of what to do.
You call us to reflect and prepare,
but often we rush and react.
Though you teach us to be ready to welcome you,
we tend to be shortsighted and distracted,
unprepared for you to appear,
ill-equipped to respond to your summons.
Help us, we pray, to live each day
in a spirit of faithful and responsive expectation.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
Let the bright beams of your Word light our way, O God.
Give us discernment to recognize you.
Equip us to follow your lead in all things.
We pray as disciples of Jesus, who is the Way of Life. 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, adapted from The Wisdom of Solomon)

We are only human, so we pray,
and God gives us understanding.
The Spirit of Wisdom comes to us.
No one can ever exhaust the treasures of Wisdom.
We use those treasures, and we are God's friends! 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

Steal Away
Mountain Shadows Choir

African American Spiritual

Proclaim God's Word

Reading	Matthew 25: 1-13	(N.T. pg. 26; lg. print pg. 34)
Response	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Ready? Or Not?	Rev. Rachel Srubas
* Hymn of Affirmation #350 <i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i>		

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering (adapted from Amos 5:24)

God's fairness and goodness are strong, like a river.
From the great flow of blessings that we have received,
let us make our offerings, so that others may be blessed.
Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

The Offertory *When Peace Like a River* H. Spafford & P. Bliss

*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)

O Lord our God, help us to connect our faith with our daily actions.
May our church contribute to an unending flow of justice for those in need.
Let our lives and offerings be pleasing in your sight.
We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son. 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 #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, verses 1-2

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart

Arthur Henry Messiter

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

