



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be Thou My Vision* Arr. M Hayes

Please conclude conversation in preparation to hear God's Word in worship.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit *Many & Great* Native American Melody

Call to Worship (Responsive) **Worship Co-Leader:** Dennis Nelson

From the pillar of fire and cloud of smoke, God led the people.

Praise be to God!

Through the voices of the prophets, God proclaimed the way to live.

Glory be to God!

Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offers us new life.

Thanks be to God!

We worship the One who showers us with blessing upon blessing! Amen.

***Hymn #32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Call to Confession (adapted from 1 Corinthians 8:6)

There is one God, our Holy Parent.

All things come from God, and we belong to God.

And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ.

All things exist through Christ, and we live through Christ.

Let us turn in honesty and faith

to the One who gives us life and forgives our failings.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

With fishermen from Galilee,
who entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day to hear Jesus teach,
O God, we have entered this house of worship
to hear your Gospel and receive good news.
Your word is truth and your ways are life-giving.
We would not be here if we could save ourselves.
We would not pray to you if we could heal our own hurts
or lift the burdens from our hearts without your help.
Faults within us, known to you alone, make us need your cleansing word.
We could list our sins, but we will simply fall silent
and release our troubles into your merciful hands.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
Lord God, wipe clean the conscience of each one who prays.
Humble us to accept the authority of Christ,
who has come not to destroy us,
but to free us from regret, guilt, and sorrow, and grant us new life. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Psalm 111:9)

God has sent redemption to us,
commanding a covenant that will last forever.
Holy and awesome is God,
in whose name Jesus makes us clean.
Alleluia! We are forgiven and set free. 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

There is an Everlasting Kindness
Carol Reid-Violin, Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

(N.T. pg. 33; lg. print pg. 43)

Response

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

Sermon

The Challenge and the Goodness of the Good News Rev. Rachel Srubas

* **Hymn of Affirmation #796** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*, verses 1-3

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Psalm 111:1-2)

Praise the Lord! I thank the Lord with all my heart
in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are magnificent;
they are treasured by all who desire them.
As an expression of thankfulness and worship,
let us offer, for God's purposes, a portion of our treasure.

The Offertory

Come & Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Duck & Kasbohm

***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, based on Psalm 111:7-8)

Holy Creator, your handiwork is honesty and justice.
All of your rules are trustworthy, established always and forever.
May we fulfill your commandments, O God,
by living truthfully and doing what is right.
And may the praise we offer you through these gifts, last forever. 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 #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

JS Bach

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



**Church
Office Hours**

Monday – Friday
8:15am – 1:15 pm