



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**March 4, 2018 10:00AM  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
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**

*The Bread & the Wine Are Here*  
Skip Brauns-Bass, Brian Parker-Tenor  
Kathy Moyer-Alto, Madeline Bosma-Soprano

Daniel Damon

*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**

**Introit**

*Teach Us the Wisdom of God*

Mary Haugen

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

**Worship Co-Leader:** Carlton Wiens

Our Lenten journey continues. Often the road has been stony and hard.  
Sometimes we have stumbled and even fallen.

**But God has been our friend and our guide.**

**We have no cause to be alarmed. God is faithful to us,  
even when we are faithless.**

Today we rejoice in God's faithful love,  
and together ask for strength and signs of hope and life.

**And again we are drawn together to celebrate the life  
that is ours in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn #39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Call to Confession**

There is no shame in admitting we need help. We do. And thanks be to God, God is ready to offer help to one and all, through prayer, through sacrament, and through our interactions with others in our daily lives. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Because people are still kept in poverty or slavery,  
some are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors,  
some face addiction, and some are targeted for unjust treatment  
because of who they are, come quickly to help us, O God.  
Because we need courage and integrity from leaders in religious, political,  
economic, and social life; because we love and sometimes struggle with  
our families, friends, and neighbors, come quickly to help us, O God.  
Because there are people who need your healing power;  
because some have harmed us, and we have harmed others by our action or  
inaction, come quickly to help us, O God.

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God.

**In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for to live joyful lives  
in fidelity to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

**Tune: 701**

**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who worship;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.**

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

Hear and believe the good news: God has called us “my people”!  
God has set up a covenant, over and over again,  
choosing us even before we can choose,  
faithful even when we are faltering.

**We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the commandments,  
we know in our hearts: we love because God first loved us,  
we follow because God first came to us,  
we can be faithful because God is faithful. 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**

*Bread of Angels/Panis Angelicus*  
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Curtis Stephan

## Proclaim God's Word

Gospel 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 Rev. Denise Edwards

\*Hymn of Affirmation # 175 *Seek Ye First*

## Respond to God

### Invitation to the Offering and the Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns

God surprises us in many ways, each day of our lives.  
Let our generosity this morning, in support of all that God is doing  
through the ministry of this church, be a blessing  
that goes out and transforms the world in surprising and unexpected ways.  
Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*(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 *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine

### \*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)

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim you as our Lord.  
May they be useful to you in bringing your reign into full flower  
through the ministries of your church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

## Give Thanks to God

### The Invitation to the Table

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.  
It is right...

### 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 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 by Intinction

*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)

Jesus, thank you!  
You have fed us with yourself,  
intervening with your own body and blood  
to free us from every illusion of success,  
and show us the true way, the way of your cross.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, keep on intervening  
until we deny ourselves, take up the cross,  
and consistently follow you. Amen.

## Go in God's Name

\*Hymn #542

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Once Again/Jesus Walked*

Arr. cpd

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



## Church Office Hours

The office will be closed  
from March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>.