



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, April 8, 2018, 10:00 AM  
The Second Sunday of Eastertide**

**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**

Chris Tackett

*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**

Chris Tackett

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Worship Co-Leader: Dennis Nelson

The God of resurrection has assembled us here!

We gather this morning as a community of believers.

**We come with joy to greet one another  
and to tell again the amazing news:**

**Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death!**

May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming  
testify to the power of God's love.

**We are a new creation—a community of faith.**

**God has given us new life in the name of Jesus Christ! Amen.**

**\*Hymn #238**

*Thine Is the Glory*

**Call to Confession** (adapted from 1 John 1:5-7)

God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with God

and yet keep on walking in the darkness,

we are lying and not practicing the truth.

But if we walk in the light as God is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another

and Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Unlock the doors of our hearts, O God.  
Enter into the places within us where we keep our secrets,  
where we hide the truth of who we are under a cover of darkness.  
Let the light of your life-giving goodness find us  
and free us from the shadows of shame and fear.  
Draw near to us, so we may breathe your breath—  
your Spirit of peace and forgiveness.  
Forgive us, from the heart of who you are:  
the Giver of Mercy, the Forgiver of all sin.  
Hold nothing against us, O God.  
Let the deeds we remember and regret  
be forgotten and redeemed by your love.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
With disciples who saw the risen Lord, we rejoice in you, O God.  
As you have sent the living Christ to us,  
send us out to others,  
so we may practice the sacred art of forgiveness  
and live a life of thankfulness and service in Jesus' name. Amen.  
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

Tune: 834, Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

No locked door can keep Jesus from reaching out to us.  
Sin and death have no power here.  
By the presence and the peace of the risen Christ,  
we are given a whole new life.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Glory be to God!

**\*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.*

Proclaim God's Word

**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-23 (N.T. pg. 108; lg. print pg. 141)

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

**Sermon** Fallen, Forgiven, and Fully Human Rev. Rachel Srubas

\* **Hymn of Affirmation #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art, verses 1-4*

Respond to God

**Invitation to the Offering** (based on Acts 4:32-35)

In the earliest days of the Christian church,  
all those who believed were of one heart and soul.  
No one claimed private ownership of any possessions,  
but everything they owned was held in common.  
With great power the apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great grace was upon them all.  
There was not a needy person among them,  
for as many as owned lands or houses  
sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.  
They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.  
In that same spirit of Christian community and care, let us make our offerings.

**The Offertory**

Chris Tackett

\***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 Acts 4:24, 29)

**Sovereign Lord,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them,  
may we speak your word with all boldness.  
Stretch out your hand to heal.  
Through these offerings and the ministries of your church,  
let your signs and wonders be performed.  
We pray in the name of your holy servant, Jesus. Amen.**

**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 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Chris Tackett

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:15am – 1:15 pm