



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Third 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 *Wir eilen mit Schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten BWV 78 No.2* JS Bach
Marilyn Skoneczka-Flute, Carol Reid-Violin, John Reid-Bassoon

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 *Jesus, We Are Here/Jesu, Tawa Pano* Patrick Matsikenyiri

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Luke 24:36-41)

Worship Co-Leader: Cassi Fraley

Very soon after the tomb of Jesus was found empty,
Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among his followers.

“Peace be with you,” he said.

But the whole group was startled and frightened,
thinking they were seeing a ghost.

“Why are you frightened?” he asked.

“Why are your hearts filled with doubt?

Look at my hands. Look at my feet.

You can see that it's really me.

**Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost,
because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do.”**

As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder.

With joy and wonder, let us worship God!

We lift up our hearts to greet the risen Christ!

*Hymn #817

We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight

Call to Confession (adapted from Luke 24:46-47)

The risen Jesus said to his disciples, "It was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in his name: There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to God."
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Answer us when we call, O God.

Give us room to be with you, just as we are.

Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

For the ways that our lives have honored you, we give thanks.

For any shameful things we have done, we are sorry.

If we have acted out of vanity, rather than integrity, correct us.

If we have been untruthful to ourselves or others,

lead us in the way of honesty.

In the silence of your presence, we reflect on our need for you.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Set us apart for yourself, O God.

Surely you hear us when we call on you.

We trust you to let the light of your face to shine on us,

and the shelter of your peace to keep us safe. 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, adapted from 1 John 3:1-2)

See how very much our God loves us,
who calls us sons and daughters, and that is what we are!

Dear friends, we are already God's children.

God has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears.

But we do know this: we will be like Christ,

for we will see him as he really is. Alleluia! 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

We Should Glory in the Cross
Mountain Shadows Choir

Tony Alonso

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Psalm 4

(O.T. pg. 464; lg. print pg. 603)

Response

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

Sermon

All the Room in the World

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*** Hymn of Affirmation #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1-3

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Luke 24:41-43)

In their joy about their Lord's resurrection,
the disciples were disbelieving and still wondering.
Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
and he took it and ate in their presence.
Like the disciples, let us give a share of our resources
to bless the Risen One who is in our presence.

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad

***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 4:5, 7)

With these gifts, O God,
we seek to offer you a right sacrifice.
We put our trust in you,
who put gladness in our hearts. 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 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Ode to Joy
Julie Wiens-Trumpet

Beethoven

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:15am – 1:15 pm