



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Fourth 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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Arr. Dana Everson

Julie Wiens-Trumpet, Rod Hutton-Trumpet, JJ Johnston-Trombone

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

My Life Flows On

Robert Lowry

Call to Worship (responsive, inspired by Psalm 23)

Worship Co-Leader: David Raffety

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
God's goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow. Amen.

***Hymn #803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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

Let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love.
This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality.
It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism,
even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts
and God knows more about us than we know about ourselves. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, based on 1 John 3:21-24 *The Message*)

**We come to you, our God,
not to accuse or condemn ourselves,
but to be bold and free in your presence.
You have commanded us to give our hearts to Jesus Christ,
and that is what we do, even now.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

We stretch out our hands to receive what we ask of you, our God.
**Jesus taught us to love each other, to keep his commandments,
to live deeply and surely in him, as he lives in us.
May we know his deep and abiding presence in us,
by the Spirit he gave us. 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, based on 1 John 3:16-17, *The Message*)

This is how we've come to understand and experience love:
Christ sacrificed his life for us.
**Let us live sacrificially for one another,
and not just for ourselves. To God be the glory! 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

I Lift My Eyes
Mountain Shadows Choir

Chris Tackett

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

(N.T. pg. 97; lg. print pg. 126)

Response

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

Sermon

Bring Them Also

Rev. Rachel Srubas

* Hymn of Affirmation #340

This Is My Song

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on 1 John 3:17-18)

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Let us share a portion of our goods to help people in need.

The Offertory

Open Our Eyes
Mountain Shadows Hand Bell Choir

Arr. Peggy Bettcher

***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 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Amen.

The Welcome of New Church Members

Nicky Bantock, Joy Lewis, Nancy Marts, Rick Marts, Judy Meister, Stan Meister,
Chuck Sherman, Ruth Warren, Gary Warren

***Affirmation of Faith**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
Amen.**

***Prayer**

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 772**

Live into Hope

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Easter Anthem

Williams Billings

Julie Wiens-Trumpet, Rod Hutton-Trumpet, JJ Johnston-Trombone

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.