



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, April 29, 2018, 10:00 AM  
The Fifth 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**

*As The Deer*  
Marilyn Skoneczka - Flute

Arr. Stan Pethel

*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**

**Moment for Mission**

Young Adult Volunteers

Elizabeth Houle & Andie Sweetman

**Introit**

*God Welcomes All*

John Bell

**Call to Worship** (responsive, from Psalm 22:25-28)

Worship Co-Leader: Andie Sweetman

When your people meet,  
you will fill my heart with your praises, Lord,  
and everyone will see me keep my promises to you.

**The poor will eat and be full,  
and all who worship you will be thankful  
and live in hope.**

Everyone on this earth will remember you, Lord.

**People all over the world will turn and worship you,  
because you are Most High, the ruler of all nations. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #11**

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

**Call to Confession** (from 1 John 4)

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,  
and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison, from 1 John 4)

**O God, you are love.**

**When we keep on loving others,  
we remain united with you in our hearts,  
and you remain united with us.**

**When we truly love others and live as Christ lived,  
we are not fearful about the day of judgment.**

**Real love for others sends away our worries.**

**When the thought of punishment makes us afraid,  
it shows that we have not yet fully learned the way of your love.**

**Because you loved us first, we love you.**

**When we say we love you yet we don't love each other,  
forgive us. In Jesus Christ,  
show us how to love you and each other.**

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

Everyone who loves is born of you, and knows you, O God.

**Since you love us so much,  
we also ought to love one another,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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, from 1 John 4)

God's love was revealed among us in this way:  
God sent Jesus into the world  
so that we might live through him.

**In this is love!**

**If we love one another, God lives in us.**

**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**

*Abide With Me*  
Mountain Shadows' Choir

D. Crowder, M. Redman,  
J. Ingram & M. Maher

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading** John 15:1-8 (N.T. pg. 103; lg. print pg. 133)

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

**Sermon** The Parable of the Palo Verde Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\* Hymn of Affirmation #36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering** (inspired by Psalm 22:26)

Whatever is lacking in our lives, God fills up.  
Our deepest hungers are satisfied in God.  
Those who seek the Lord will praise God.  
With our offerings and gifts, let us seek God and give praise.

**The Offertory**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
JJ Johnston - Trombone

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**\*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, Psalm 22:29-31)

All who are rich and have more than enough  
will bow down to you, O Lord. Even those who are dying  
will come and bow down. In the future, everyone will worship  
and learn about you, our Lord. People not yet born will be told,  
"The Lord has saved us!" 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 386

*Abide With Me, verses 1-4*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Abide With Me*

Text: Lyte, Music: Monk

Marilyn Skoneczka – Flute, JJ Johnston - Trombone

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.