



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

May 6, 2018, 10:00AM
The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide
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 Holy City
Madeline Bosma-Soprano

Steven Adams

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

Sawubona/I See You, Ngikhona/I Am Here
Until you see me, I don't exist!

Zulu Greeting

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 98)

Worship Co-Leader: Ken McAllister

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

for God is still doing marvelous things!

Break into joyful song!

Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

God is coming to judge the world with equity.

Sing to God a new song!

***Learning and Singing a New Song: #276**

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Call to Confession

To love God means that we keep God's commandments.

God's commandments don't weigh us down, but many other burdens do.

Together, let us unburden ourselves in prayer, and accept our gracious Redeemer's help.

Prayer of Confession (unison, inspired by John 15:9-17)

**O God, our Holy Friend, you have come very near to us in Jesus.
He has not withheld himself from us,
but has told us everything that you have said to him.
You welcome us to tell you everything that troubles us.
Our burdens become lighter when we share them with you.
But often we withhold ourselves from you, O God.
We keep our distance from you, and even from our friends,
for fear that we'll be seen for who we truly are.
Help us, we pray, to lay down our lives before you in faith,
to love one another, and be loved by others, as you have loved us.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)**

Show us the way to joy, O God.

**Free us from competition, envy, and resentment. Teach us to value and honor
the people in this very room, with whom you have united us, in Christ.
Let friendships deepen among us, so that we will not hesitate
to help each other in hard times, and rejoice together in your love. 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)

Our Creator connects with us in mercy. Christ sustains us by his prayers.
The Holy Spirit breathes beauty into our lives.
We are made new, refreshed to rejoice in God's love, among friends. 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

*Agnus Dei/Lamb of God
with "How Great Thou Art"
Mountain Shadows Choir*

Michael W. Smith

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading Acts 10: 44-48 (N.T. pg. 122; lg. print pg.158)

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

Sermon New Songs and the New Things God Loves to Do Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation # 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Respond to God

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

God invites us to share in the love and work of Jesus.

We, as the gathered Church, the Body of Christ, continue in our day to witness and work on behalf of our Lord, returning our gifts, tithes and offerings.

(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 *Come to the Table of Grace* Barbara Hamm

*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)

May these gifts, O God, become action and intention,
fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. 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...

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive, based on Acts 10:34-43)

All-welcoming God, you show no partiality.

Everyone who reveres you, who yearns for your justice, is welcome at this table.

We thank you for preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

You anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.

We give you thanks because he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed.

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**You were with him, O God, even when people put him to death
by hanging him on a tree.**

You raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear!
Witnesses ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

You, our God, ordained him as judge of the living and the dead.

By your Holy Spirit, may the risen Jesus be present to us in this meal.

With everyone who believes in Jesus,

we rejoice to receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

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)

**We have rested in the depth of your love, O God;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
We have accepted you into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.
And we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #530**

One Bread, One Body

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Mountain Shadows Choir

Peter Lutkin

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.