



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, June 17, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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: Madeline Bosma

Sisters and brothers, we are a local congregation,
yet we are members of the worldwide Body of Christ.
Within Christ's Body, we belong to the Presbyterian Church (USA).
As we enter into worship, let us lift up to God the leaders of our national church,
who are meeting this week in St. Louis. Let us pray.

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit,
make them one church to serve you.**

Be with members of our General Assembly.
Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world,
and to respect old things you keep and use.

Save them from empty slogans or senseless controversy.

In their deciding, determine what is good for us and for all people.
As the General Assembly meets, let your Spirit rule.

**May our church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ,
who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

***Hymn in Celebration of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 223rd General Assembly**

Draw the Welcome Circle Wider (see insert)

Call to Confession (based on 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

Whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please God.
For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil.
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of justice and of even greater mercy,
we acknowledge before you that our actions have consequences.
You have granted us the freedom to choose good or evil.
For any ways that we have displeased you
by causing hurt or harm to others or ourselves, we are sorry.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
You are the King of Creation whose ways are life-giving and kind.
We open our hearts before you.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
You have sown grace in our souls.
Prepare us to hear Jesus' word and receive it gladly.
Let the gospel flourish in us and in our church.
May our lives bring forth a harvest of goodness
pleasing to you and helpful to our neighbors,
who are kindred to us because Jesus loves them
and calls us to love all people likewise. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)**

Sung Response

Tune: 702, Christ Be Beside Me

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.**

Words of Assurance (based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

The love of Christ urges us on,
because we are convinced that one has died for all.
And he died for all, so that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for him who died and was raised for us.
**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way.
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

***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.

Special Music

Chris Tackett

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 26-34

(N.T. pg. 34; lg. print pg. 47)

Response

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

Sermon

The Backyard Kingdom

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #247**

Now the Green Blade Rises

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Psalm 20:1-4)

The Lord answers you in the day of trouble! The name of the God protects you!
May God send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support.
May God remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your sacrifices.
May God grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.
To glorify and serve God, let us give our gifts and 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, adapted from Psalm 92:1-4)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;
at the works of your hands we sing for joy. 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 #36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Chris Tackett

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.