



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

July 1, 2018, 10:00AM
The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

Mercy

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

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

When the Poor Ones

Olivar & Manzano

Call to Worship (Responsive, based on Lamentations 3:22-26)

Worship Co-Leader: Mary Ann Butler

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God."

The Lord is good to those who wait, to the soul that seeks God.

It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

We hope in God's unceasing love. Our faith is founded on the goodness of God.

Amen.

***Hymn #418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Call to Confession

We praise God with our words and songs, yet we know how often we have failed to praise God with our attitudes and actions. At times, we have trusted the wrong people and followed the wrong messages and values.

Let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have often turned away from you,
the Creator of all things; we have forgotten to truly care for your creation.
We have filled our shelves and pantries,
not knowing who grows our food or what their lives are like.
We wear clothes made in sweatshops;
we accept the fact that millions go to bed hungry every night.
We have been distracted by our own concerns,
and so we have failed to hear your people who are calling for justice,
for peace, for someone to care.

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

Forgive us, Lord.

When we fail to catch a vision of your reign, help us to see it clearly.
May we work for your kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven,
so that all generations will know your love, your justice, and your peace. 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 heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us all in eternal life. 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.

Special Music

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford

Judi Brauns-Soprano, Skip Brauns-Bass

Proclaim God's Word

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (N.T. pg. 172; lg. print pg.223)

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

Sermon Share Your Chickens Rev. Denise Edwards

*Hymn of Affirmation # 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Respond to God

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

(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.)

When people of faith first give themselves unreservedly to God,
then other giving simply flows from the purposes of God working in their lives.
So let us give ourselves to God, and let us make offerings
that flow from God's purposes.

The Offertory *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm & Runyan

*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)

Gracious God, you give to us all good things far beyond our comprehension.
Enable us to be faithful and generous stewards of all the bounty that is ours.
As we dedicate these offerings to your purposes, help us to remember
that we give faithfully and well only as we respond to You, the Giver.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You are our rock and strength,
our salvation in every generation. You send prophets to call us back when we stray,
and in returning to you we find refuge and steadfast love.

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Blessed is Jesus Christ our Savior. Christ spoke with authority to show your will; he emptied himself so that the world would be filled with your grace.

Still Jesus calls us to share your message of love with all.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. Make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Teach us the wisdom of the cross, the message of Christ crucified.

Let the weak be lifted up, and the mighty made humble, so that we may boast in nothing other than the grace of the Lord.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. We praise you, joining in song with the universal church and the heavenly choir.

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)

**Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own
and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body.
By the work of your Spirit within us give us grace to glorify you as one,
living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #37**

Let All Things Now Living

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Variations on ASH GROVE

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.