



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, July 8 2018, 10:00 AM
The Fourteenth 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

Touch the Sky

Houston, Thomas & Chislett

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

Spirit of God

Croly & Atkinson

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalm 48) Worship Co-Leader: Ken McAllister

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

**As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.**

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

**This is God, our God forever and ever,
who will be our guide forever. Amen!**

***Hymn #612**

We Praise You, O God

Call to Confession (based on Mark 6:1-6)

When Jesus came to his hometown and began to teach in the synagogue,

people asked, *Where did this man get all this?*

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter?

And they took offense at him. He could do no deed of power there,
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And he was amazed at their unbelief. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, inspired by Psalm 123)

To you we lift up our eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of disciples look to the hand of their leader,
as the eyes of learners to the hand of their mentor,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until God has mercy upon us.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill of shame.

If we have looked down on others,

teach us to honor their dignity.

O God, if we have devalued ourselves,

help us see ourselves as Jesus sees all people:

as worthy of your love, your mercy and your grace. 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 Mark 6:7)

After Jesus left his hometown,

he sent out his disciples two by two,

and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

Through Christ, we are cleansed and empowered.

May we live and serve in Jesus' name,

sharing with others the good news of God!

***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

For the Beauty of the Earth
JJ Johnston - Trombone

Pierpoint & Monk

Proclaim God's Word

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(N.T. pg. 174; lg. print pg. 226)

Response

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

Sermon

Weak Enough to be Made Strong

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Mark 6:8)

When Jesus sent out his disciples,
he ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff;
no bread, no bag, no money in their belts.
May we move through our lives unencumbered by worry about our own needs,
confident that all we require, God will provide.
In gratitude and trust, let us make our offerings for the work of the church.

The Offertory

When Morning Guilds the Sky
JJ Johnston – Trombone

Caswall & Barnby

*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, inspired by Mark 6:12-13)

**We dedicate these gifts to your purposes, O God.
May our offerings help ensure that through your church,
your word is faithfully proclaimed,
all who hear it are invited to turn their lives toward you,
destructive forces are overcome by Christian love,
and those who are unwell find their wholeness in Christ. 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 #661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
JJ Johnston - Trombone

Martin & Gabriel

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.