



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, July 22, 2018, 10:00 AM  
The Sixteenth 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**

*Where'er You Walk*  
Jo Louma-E Flat Alto Horn

G. F. Handel

*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**

*Shepherd Me O God*

David Haas

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Worship Co-Leader: Cassi Fraley

God's sovereign love is a mystery.  
God's power, wisdom, and goodness exceed our understanding.  
**Yet God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in welcoming all people.**  
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world  
shows that our Redeemer is the Lord and Creator,  
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.  
**To the God of love, we gladly lift our hearts in praise!**

**\*Hymn #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Call to Confession (unison)**

God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.  
Therefore we accept ourselves and love others,  
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,  
except God's grace. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Creator God, our life is a gift to be received with gratitude.  
Our life is a task to be pursued with courage.  
You have given us freedom to seek life within your purposes:  
to care for Creation for the good of all beings,  
to work for justice and peace in society,  
to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.  
Today we pray in solidarity with all of humankind.  
We confess our need for your forgiveness.  
When we claim mastery of our own lives, we turn against you and each other,  
exploiting and harming the world.  
When we lose our humanity in futile striving,  
we are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.  
Yet your purposes, O God, rather than human schemes, will finally prevail.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
O God, initiate the new life in Christ among us.  
By your Spirit, move us to respond in faith.  
In love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,  
may we live in freedom and good cheer,  
bearing witness on good days and evil days alike,  
confident that the new life is pleasing to you and helpful to others. Amen.  
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

**Tune: 619**

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

God the Holy Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness  
as we forgive one another.  
We are forgiven! Life in Christ is life eternal!  
Let us enjoy the peace of God  
as we make peace among ourselves.

**\*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**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
MSPC Summer Choir

Ed Bolduc

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22 (N.T. pg. 181; lg. print pg. 235)

**Response**

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

**Sermon**

One New Humanity

Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #754**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Jesus identified himself with needy and exploited people.  
The cause of the world's poor is the cause of Jesus' disciples.  
Through our giving, we glorify God  
and advance the reconciling work of Christ's church.  
Let us make our offerings as an act of grateful worship.

**The Offertory**

*In The Garden*  
Jo Louma-E Flat Alto Horn

Traditional

**\*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)**

**With an urgency born of our hope in Christ,  
Lord our God, we apply ourselves to our present tasks  
even as we strive for a better world.  
May we never despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope, we give our gifts,  
and look beyond the limits of what we can accomplish,  
confident that you will redeem and reconcile all Creation to yourself. 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 #761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Jesus Loves Me*

Chris Tomlin, Rueben Morgan  
and Ben Glover

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.