



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10:00 AM**  
**The Seventeenth 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**

*We Believe*

Ryan, Hooper & Fike

*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**

*Seek Ye First*

Maranatha! Music

Jayne Raffety-Soprano, Jeff States-Tenor

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Worship Co-Leader: Dennis Nelson

I will praise the LORD God with a song and a thankful heart.

**When those in need see this, they will be happy!**

The Lord's worshipers will be encouraged.

**Heaven and earth will praise our God.**

Jesus has called us to come before God this day.

**We rejoice in the presence of our living Lord. Amen!**

**\*Hymn #395**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**Call to Confession**

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you;

search, and you will find;

knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Following the teachings of Jesus, let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

We are the askers, O God, and you are the answer.  
We are the searchers, and yet, you have found us.  
We knock at your door in response to your own invitation.  
Help us to cope with the parts of life that we cannot change.  
Change us according to your mercy, grace, and love.  
Strengthen us to trust you even when your answers  
are not the answers we want.

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

You know us, accept us, and love us, O God.

Help us to abide with you when we suffer.

Deepen our compassion for others who struggle,  
and lift our eyes to Christ, in whom we overcome all hardship. 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)

Friends, let the wisdom of Jesus be our assurance.  
He said, "Everyone who asks receives,  
and everyone who searches finds,  
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

**God gives good things to those who ask.**

**God has given us forgiveness and new life,  
through Christ our risen Lord. 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**

*Create in Me*

Tom Kendzia

Jayne Raffety-Soprano, Jeff States-Tenor

## Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading John 6:1-14 (N.T. pg. 91; lg. print pg. 118)

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

Sermon So That Nothing May Be Lost Rev. Rachel Srubas

\*Hymn #661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

## Respond to God

**Invitation to the Offering** (based on Ephesians 3:15-16)

Every family in heaven and on earth takes its name from God.  
According to the riches of God's glory,  
may all whose lives our offerings touch  
be strengthened in their inner being with power through God's Spirit.

The Offertory *Holy God We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT,  
WIR LOBEN DICH

## \*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, based on Ephesians 3:17-19)

As we are rooted and grounded in love,  
may all people served by these gifts and offerings  
have the power to comprehend  
the breadth and length and height and depth  
of the love of Christ  
and be filled with all your fullness, O God. 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 #716**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

BEACH SPRING

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.