



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, August 26, 2018, 10:00 AM  
The Twenty-First 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

**Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors**

**Introit**

Chris Tackett

**Call to Worship** (responsive, adapted from Psalm 34:1-3)

Worship Co-Leader: Laura Carey

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise will always be in my mouth.

**We praise the Lord—  
let the suffering listen and rejoice.**

Magnify the Lord with me!

**Together, let us lift God's name up high!**

**\*Hymn #625**

*How Great Thou Art*

**Call to Confession** (adapted from Psalm 34: 17-18)

When the faithful cry out, the Lord listens;  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those whose spirits are crushed, God saves.  
Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

We come before you, Lord of life,  
confessing our unwillingness to serve you.  
We prefer to serve ourselves,  
or to serve a partial image of you.  
Help us be open to your Word  
even when it unsettles us.  
Help us place as much importance  
on the needs of our neighbors  
as we place on our own satisfaction.  
Give us the courage to change.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
O God, you are the source of all goodness.  
You protect us and teach us the truth.  
You alone are worthy to be served with reverence.  
If we have idolized lesser things than you, forgive us.  
Accept this prayer as an act of humble service.  
Give us another chance to live  
as people faithful only to you,  
Lord of all Creation and God of all good. Amen.  
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response**

**Tune:** 175 Lafferty

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!!

**Words of Assurance** (responsive, adapted from Psalm 34:8-9a and 17-18)

Taste and see how good the Lord is!  
All who take refuge in God are truly happy!  
We are the Lord's people, and joyfully, we honor only 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**

Chris Tackett

### **Proclaim God's Word**

**Reading** Joshua 24: 1-2a and 14-18 (O.T. pg. 205; lg. print pg. 267)

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

**Sermon** The Ballad of Joshua, Bob, John, and Us Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #700** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

### **Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering** (based on Ephesians 6:18)

Scripture teaches us:

*Pray in the Spirit at all times.*

*Keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.*

In all that we do, God's Spirit is with us.

All that we give, we offer to God for the good of others.

As an act of grateful service and prayer, let us 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, based on Psalm 84:4-5)

**Happy are those who live in your house, O God,  
ever singing your praise.  
Happy are those whose strength is in you.  
May these gifts, which we give freely and gladly  
bring strength and happiness to all whom they bless.  
We ask it through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 #730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Chris Tackett

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.