



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

September 2, 2018 10:00AM
The Twenty-Second 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

Chris Tackett

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

Chris Tackett

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 15)

Worship Co-Leader: Steven Cupo

We are invited to gather in God's tent.

We are called to dwell on God's holy mountain.

And with this great invitation comes a great obligation:

to live free from blame,

to do what is right,

to speak the truth sincerely,

and do no damage with our talk,

to help and never harm a friend,

to bless and not insult a neighbor,

to honor all people.

We are here to celebrate and honor God today,

and to learn how to live according to God's word.

***Hymn #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

Call to Confession (based on James 1: 19-21)

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters:
everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry.
This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness.
Therefore, with humility, let us set aside all our mistakes and misdeeds
and welcome the word planted deep inside us—
the very word that is able to save us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God of grace and mercy, you are slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love. We intend to be doers of your word,
and not only hearers who mislead ourselves. Help us look at ourselves honestly,
not with shame, but with a willingness to change the focus of our thoughts,
the words of our mouths, and the actions of our hands
so that our lives may come closer to fulfilling your life-giving purposes.**

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

Help us listen to your word, and remember it, O God.

**Teach us to practice your word in our lives, concentrating on it,
letting it guide all we say and do. Then we will be blessed by Jesus,
in whose name we pray. 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, based on Song of Solomon 2:12-13)

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

**How beautiful, how nourishing and sweet it is
to be God's people, beloved and forgiven! 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

Panis Anjelicus/Bread of Angels
Fran Moran - Soprano

C. Franck

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, and 21-23 (N.T. pg. 39; lg. print pg.42)

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

Sermon From the Inside Out Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Learning a New Hymn of Affirmation # 428 *Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

Respond to God

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.)*

Invitation to the Offering (based on James 1:17-18)

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above.
These gifts come down from the Creator of the heavenly lights,
in whose character there is no change at all.
God chose to give us birth by the true word, and here is the result:
we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything God created.
In thankfulness, let us give a portion of all we have been given.

The Offertory

Chris Tackett

*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, based on James 1:27)

True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before you, O God, is this:
to care for the vulnerable, the parentless, the lonely.
In the name of Jesus, who devoted his life to serving people in need,
we dedicate these offerings to you. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Cont'd

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your grace, and in all of our weakness, sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever: to your glory we sing.

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

O God, giver of all good things,
you have nourished us with all goodness.
Bring forth through us the fruit of good works.
You have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
You have delivered us from the death of sin
and raised us to new life with him.
Send us out to share the good news of his gospel
with a hungry and thirsting world. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #774

There Is Now a New Creation

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Chris Tackett

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.