



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**March 1, 2020**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
*Moving Forward Faithfully Together*

**Gather in God's Name**

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. This symbol \* means worshipers may stand.  
Please sign the attendance pad, found on the chair on the center aisle.  
When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

**The Threefold Chime & Prelude**

*Mercy*

Redman & Myrin

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

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

**Introit**

*To the Desert Follow Me*

Sarah Hart

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

**Worship Co-Leader: David Raffety**

We do not live by bread alone,  
so we **gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.**  
When we face temptation, we do not struggle alone.  
**Jesus faced struggles and temptations of his own.**  
We gather gladly today at the Spirit's leading,  
**to offer ourselves in service to Christ.**  
Come, find strength for the journey and food for the soul.  
**Let us worship the one, triune God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #509**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**Call to Confession (based on Psalm 32:3-5)**

When we refuse to admit our wrongs, we suffer.  
Day and night, God's hand presses on us.  
Our strength dries up like water in the summer heat.  
When we finally see our own falsehoods,  
and admit our need for forgiveness,  
God carries away our guilt and shame. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Holy God, you call us to worship and serve only you.  
But when other enticements demand our attention,  
too often, we turn from the path Jesus tread;  
we serve our own appetites, overlooking our neighbors' hunger.  
Our culture values competition over collaboration  
prioritizing the comfort of some over the needs of many,  
and we are caught up in it all.

Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you.

*(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)*

Draw us close, O God.

Clarify our focus on you.

Return us to the just and merciful way of Jesus,  
so we may resist the forces that tempt us and test our faith. Amen.

*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response in Lent**

Tune: 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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**Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Psalm 32:1-2)**

How happy is the one whose wrongs are forgiven by God,  
whose sin is hidden from sight.  
How happy are those who no longer lie, to themselves or to others.  
How happy are we! We are 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 Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

**Choral Anthem**

*The Welcome Table*  
Mountain Shadows Choir

Trad. Spiritual, Arr. J Raney

## Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

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Response

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God's Building: A Place to be Fed

Rev. Rachel Srubas

\*Hymn of Affirmation 523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

## Respond to God

*Today, joys and concerns will be expressed in writing, placed in the offering plates, and lifted up in the Pastors' and Deacons' prayers during the coming week.*

## **Offering Invitation**

Jesus says, *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
Let us make our offerings to the Lord.

The Offertory

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Mountain Shadows Ensemble

Isaac Watts

## **\*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)**

**Gracious God, our Way in the wilderness,  
guide us by your Word these forty days.  
Let our offerings be real and sincere signs  
of our Lenten intentions to return to you  
and respond to our neighbors' hunger, with love. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.**

*continued...*

It is right to give you thanks, Holy One,  
for the body and blood of our Lord.  
Thank you for giving us bread for the journey.  
As we travel through the wilderness,  
help us to share your grace with others  
and draw us ever closer to you,  
through Jesus Christ, to whose 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!

### 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.

### Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal (Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray.)

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, you have ministered to us by your Holy Spirit.  
Send us out, assured of your love for us,  
strengthened by your grace,  
and inspired to share our bread with the hungry,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Go in God's Name

\*Hymn 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1-3*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol