



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, September 30, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Twenty-Sixth 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

Beach Spring

Duane Funderburk

Marilyn Skoneczka-Flute, Dorothy Grimm-Clarinet

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Moment for Mission Peace & Global Witness Offering, Oct. 7th

Laura Carey

Introit

Kum Ba Yah

African American Spiritual

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalm 19:7-14)

Worship Co-Leader: David Raffety

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter also than honey.
Lord, help us to keep your commandments
and keep us from sin. Do not let sin have dominion over us.
**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.**

***Hymn # 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession (Psalm 124:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
Confident in our Helper, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all times and every season, hear our prayer.
Sometimes when we need you most, we neglect to turn to you.
When we're at our best, we may forget to sing your praise.
Yet always and forever, you are the relief to our suffering.
You are the source of our great joy.
We thank you for the goodness in our lives.
We confess to you our needs and seek your help and healing.
For any sins we have committed, we ask your forgiveness, loving God.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
O God, your mercy is rain that refreshes all the earth.
When we wander off, you bring us back to yourself.
We pray not only for ourselves,
but also for those who need your kindness and your help.
Save the sick; forgive the fallen;
make our prayers effective and powerful
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Mark 9:50)

Jesus said, "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?
Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."
In every season, we are graced by the goodness of our forgiving God.
Rejoice in this good news and be at peace with one another.
God is good and we are forgiven! The Lord is our peace. Alleluia and 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.

Choir Anthem

Change My Heart O God
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Arr. Joel Raney

Proclaim God's Word

Epistle Reading

James 5:13-28

(N.T. pg. 217; lg. print pg. 280)

Response

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

Sermon

Happy? Sad? Sick? Pray!

Rev. Denise Edwards

*Hymn of Affirmation # 792 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Psalm 19:7-9)

God's words are reliable and true,
instilling wisdom to open minds.
God's commandments are clear,
they are right through and through.
They are worth more than gold—
even more than abundant, pure gold.
What treasures can we give
to thank and praise our good and gracious God?
Let us make our grateful offerings.

The Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer

African American Spiritual

*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)

**We give these gifts, O God,
because we trust in you and your goodness.
We dedicate our dollars to your purposes,
carried out through this, your church.
Use our offerings to sustain this house of worship
and our ministries that honor Christ
and care for the community. 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.

Give Thanks to God

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 #821

My Life Flows On

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

No Storm Can Shake My Inmost Calm

R. Lowry

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.