



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**February 3, 2019 10:00AM
The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Commissioning Home Communion Server Teams**

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

In This Very Room
Fran Moran

Ron & Carol Harris

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 the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

*Though I May Speak
The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 71:1-6)

Worship Co-Leader: Rev. Denise Edwards

In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us;

incline your ear to us and save us.

Be to us a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save us,
for you are our rock and our fortress.

**Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are our hope, our trust, O Lord, from our youth.
Upon you we have leaned since birth.

It was you who took us from our mothers' wombs.

Our praise is continually of you. Amen.

***Hymn #850**

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness, verses 1-3

Call to Prayer (based on Luke 4:21-30)

When Jesus went to Nazareth, all spoke well of him.
They were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.
They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them,
"Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say,
'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"
And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.
When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill
on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.
But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious One, Giver of life, you have come to this world in Jesus.
He speaks a word of challenge, calling us to change our ways,
to advocate for the poor, to liberate people held captive,
to extend compassion toward all who need healing,
to struggle on behalf of oppressed communities.
O God, we confess: Jesus' prophetic words are heard to hear,
and harder to put into practice. For any ways we have spoken well of Jesus,
yet have failed to follow him in our actions, forgive us, in your mercy.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Teach us, O God, to accept Jesus fully.

**When we hear cries for justice and kindness,
help us listen for our Lord and the truth he speaks.**

Forgive us for rejecting the very One you have sent to save us. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 469, Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

We cannot cure ourselves. Nor can we work wonders on our own behalf.
We cannot control the heavens, nor the earth.
But we can take to heart the gracious words of Jesus.
By our discipleship, we can fulfill our calling
to love God and love others as Jesus loves all.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to love! 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

Love One Another
Mountain Shadows' Choir

B. Dufford

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (N.T. pg. 164; lg. print pg. 212-213)

Response

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

Sermon

Love Letter

Rev. Rachel Srubas

The Commissioning of Home Communion Servers Revs. Denise Edwards & Rachel Srubas

Introduction of Trained Servers of Communion to Homebound Congregants

*Skip Brauns, Deborah Derting, Freja Cranston, Cassi Fraley, Dorothy Grimm,
Joy Lewis, Sam Leeper, Linda Linegar, Dennis Nelson, Jayne Raffety, Jane Barr Stump,
Connie Wortman, Ann Wright*

Commissioning Prayer

***Hymn of Affirmation #529**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Psalm 24:1)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

The Offertory

Ubi Caritas (Live In Charity)

Taize

***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)

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

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.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving (responsive)

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.

It is right...

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. (sing twice)

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 (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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(Reprise)

Fred Kaan/Jamaican
Folk Melody