



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 AM
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Welcoming the Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship
Dedicating a Blessing Blanket**

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 *Amor De Dios/O, Love of God* Bob Hurd
Madeline Bosma

Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Minute for Ministry: Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship Hala and Salim Wehbi

Introit *Blessed Assurance* Fanny Jane Crosby

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Jeremiah 17:7-8) **Worship Co-Leader: Dennis Nelson**

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
**The flourishing tree shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
We who trust in the Lord,
offer worship and sing God's praise! Amen.**

***Hymn #457** *How Happy Are the Saints of God*

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 1:1-2)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.
Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord.
On God's law they meditate day and night. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, Most High,
in Jesus Christ, you have come down to our level.
We have come today to hear his word,
and find peace for our troubled spirits.
Let your life-giving power extend from the living Christ to us.
Let our hurts find healing in Jesus.
O God, bind up our wounds in your mercy.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
Enable us to hear your surprising gospel, Holy God.
Free us of attachments that keep us from entering your kingdom.
Cause us to hunger for justice, especially for the poor.
Dry our tears and deepen our compassion for suffering people.
Prepare us to listen to Jesus and live by his teachings. 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, based on Psalm 1:3, 6)

**Give thanks to God!
By God's grace, we are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.
The Lord watches over us, nurtures and redeems us.
By God's grace, we are freed to live fruitful lives. 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.
Please turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.**

Choral Anthem

Change My Heart O God
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Arr. Joel Raney

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading	Luke 6:17-26	(N.T. pg. 60; lg. print pg. 82)
Response	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	The Level Plain	Rev. Rachel Srubas
*Hymn of Affirmation #172	<i>Blest Are They</i>	

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Jeremiah 17:10)

The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.
Let us now search our own hearts and minds.
What will we give to thank God and nurture the church's ministries?
Let us make our grateful offerings.

The Offertory *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

*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)

Bless the poor, Creator God.
Through these offerings, reveal your kingdom to them.
Bless the hungry, Redeemer God, and by these gifts, fulfill their needs.
Bless those who are hated, reviled, excluded, and defamed.
By these tokens of our gratitude, Sustainer God,
make us a church that welcomes and honors all people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Dedication of a Blessing Blanket for Joy Lewis Rev. Denise Edwards

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 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 #795

Healer of Our Every Ill

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Neander & Winkworth

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.