



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 10:00 AM
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deacons' Sunday

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

Ah, Holy Jesus/Herzliebster Jesu
Charmaine Piane Dame & Dawn Doorn

Johan Crüger

Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

A Moment for Deacons' Ministries

Deacon Carlton Wiens

Introit

God Welcomes All

John Bell

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 37:1-7) **Worship Co-Leader: Deacon Judy Hans**

The ancient teachings of Scripture remain fresh meaningful:

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

Take delight in the Lord;

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God;

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for the Holy One.

Let us be still and wait, offering God our wholehearted worship.

May our trust in God lead us to do good.

May our delight in the Lord glorify our God.

Today, we recommit our lives to way of the Holy One. Amen.

***Hymn #707** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 27:39-40)

Our salvation is from the Lord, who is our refuge in the times of trouble.

The Lord helps us and rescues us and saves us.

Let us pray to the One in whom we take refuge.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We have gathered in your presence, O God,
to take to heart the words of Jesus,
and to welcome his wisdom to become our own.
Yet, something in us recoils at his teachings.
He commands us to love our enemies,
to give, even to those who take what is ours.
Jesus teaches us not to judge or condemn our neighbors,
and that is the hardest part,
because we love the feeling of being better than others.
Humble us, God of the gospel.
Take from us our resentment of others.
Turn the spirit of condemnation within us
into a spirit of compassion for our neighbors, and for ourselves.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
You are merciful, O God.
Let this prayer open the way for your mercy to overcome us.
Let the forgiveness we need from you wash over us.
Teach us to forgive ourselves,
and find the kindness in our hearts to forgive others likewise.
We ask it in Jesus' name. 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 37:5-6)

Trust in God, and God will act!
God will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
God has given us the desire of our hearts:
forgiveness, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ. 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

23rd Psalm
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Bobby McFerrin

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38 (N.T. pg. 60; lg. print pg. 78)

Response

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

Sermon

A Fierce and Holy Love

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on 1 Corinthians 15:50)

Brothers and sisters, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
The worship we offer and the offerings we make,
we freely give to support the work of God's kingdom on earth.
In a spirit of trust and commitment, let us make our offerings.

The Offertory

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Mountain Shadows Ensemble

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***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)**

God of abundance and grace,
may these offerings bring about love and goodness.
May they make real the prayers we pray,
even for those who do not pray for us.
May the ministries of this, your church,
show forth the wisdom and the way of Jesus,
who teaches us to love, to do good, and to give,
expecting nothing in return except your kindness and mercy,
which are all we truly need. Amen.

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 #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Neander & Winkworth

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.