



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**March 3, 2019 10:00AM**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

## 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**

*Zion's Walls*  
John McDonald

Aaron Copland

*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**

**Moments for Health and Learning Ministries on Mondays at 2:00**

*Extraordinary Time* Author Presentation, March 4

Jayne Raffety

*Brokenness and the Human Condition* Lenten Study, March 11-April 1

Rod Hutton

**Introit**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Paul Baloche

**Call to Worship** (responsive, based on Exodus 34:29-32)

**Worship Co-Leader:** Joseph Panessidi

Moses came down from Mount Sinai.

As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

**When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.**

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward, all the Israelites came near, and Moses gave them the commandments that the Lord had spoken to him on Mount Sinai.

**The Lord is good. The Lord is God, whom we worship and praise! Amen.**

\*Hymn #63

*The Lord Is God*

**Call to Confession** (based on Exodus 34:33)

When Moses had finished speaking with the Israelites, he put a veil on his face;  
but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with God,  
he would take the veil off.

You and I are invited now to speak plainly with God.

Confident of our Lord's loving kindness, let us unveil ourselves in prayer.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**You have revealed yourself to this world, O God.**

**But we have attempted to hide from you, from each other,  
and even from ourselves.**

**You have called us to love you with our whole minds,  
but we can be hard-headed, too sure of ourselves.**

**We need Jesus to show us the way of transformation.**

**We need your Spirit, liberating God,  
to help us put aside self-deception and pretense,  
so that we may live truthful lives, for your sake.**

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

Spirit of God, free us and transform us.

**Help us live openly, unashamed of who we are,**

**or whose we are: we belong to Jesus Christ,**

**who cleanses our conscience in the clear light of forgiveness. 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 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

When we turn to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

All of us, with unveiled faces, see the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror.

**We are being transformed into the image of Christ,  
from one degree of glory to another.**

**All this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Alleluia! 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 *High Upon a Mountain* Larson & Jordan  
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (N.T. pg. 169; lg. print pg. 219)

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

Sermon Being Transformed Rev. Rachel Srubas

\*Hymn of Affirmation #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Psalm 99:9)

The Lord is great and exalted over all the peoples.  
Let us praise God's great and awesome name.  
By our acts of generosity and by our offerings,  
we exalt the Lord who gives life to all creation,  
and we praise the name of the Lord.

The Offertory *Shine Jesus Shine* Graham Kendrick

### \*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, based on Psalm 99:3-4)

Holy are you! Lord our God, Lover of justice,  
you establish equity among the people.  
Guide us to put these gifts to righteous use, for your glory. 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

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 remember that Jesus went up on the mountain to pray.  
While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed,  
and his clothes became dazzling.  
Suddenly Jesus' companions saw Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus in glory.  
**A cloud overshadowed them, and from it came your voice, our God:**  
*This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!*

### **Transfiguration Song**

**Text: 190, Swiftly Pass/ Tune: 475, Nettleton**

**Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines.  
And recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,  
till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill,  
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.**

O God, after your voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.  
His disciples kept silent and told no one any of the things they had seen.  
In silence, we place before you now our inmost prayers  
for the transformation of our lives, and of this world you love.  
*(Please pause for silent prayer.)*  
And now, Holy God of glory, in preparation to break bread with Jesus Christ,  
we break our silence to pray the prayer he taught his followers:

### **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)**

**We do not lose heart, O God,  
because your mercy engages us in the ministry of Christ.  
Jesus lived and loved and gave his life to reveal your glory and redeem all creation.  
Renewed by his meal of revelation and grace,  
we rise to sing our praise to you, great God. Amen.**

### **Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn #749**

*Come! Live in the Light!*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Come! Live in the Light!*

David Haas