



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, March 10, 2019, 10:00 AM
The First Sunday in Lent**

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

Create In Me (Psalm 51)
Jayne Raffety & Jeff States

Tom Kendzia

Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Isaiah 6:1-8)

Worship Co-Leader: Gay Russell

We gather to remember and share stories of faith,
to rejoice in the goodness of God.

**Before our stories began, there was God;
through all our days, God walks with us.**

We worship the One who gives and sustains life,
to sing praises to the One who is our refuge.

There is no place we can go where God is not.

Even amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true. Amen.

***Hymn #177**

I Will Come to You

Call to Confession

Seek refuge in God, whose protection shelters us.

Confide in God, who frees us for new possibilities.

Call out to God, expecting to be heard.

Listen for God, knowing there is truth and mercy to be received.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Sovereign,
we confess our desire to reshape your world
to our own advantage.
We are often more concerned about what we eat
than about others going hungry.
We prioritize our own security
over the safety of all your people.
Yet we yearn, O God, to worship and serve only you.
Empty us of needless distractions and falsehoods,
so we may hunger only for your word.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
Turn us around, O God.
We leave behind our bondage to things that do not matter,
and we submit our brokenness to your healing grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)***

Sung Response for Lent

Tune: 471

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

**All who call on God will know salvation.
All who cling to God will be delivered.
We are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation.
God's presence and protection are ours to enjoy and share! 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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Larry Shackley

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

(N.T. pg. 57; lg. print pg. 74)

Response

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

Sermon

Stones, Screwtape, and a Spirituality of Resistance Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation #175

Seek Ye First

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on Deuteronomy 26:9-11)

The Lord God has brought us into this place
and given us a land flowing with milk and honey.
So now we will bring the first of the fruits that the Lord has given us.
We will set down our offerings before the Lord our God.
Together with the aliens who reside among us,
we will celebrate with all people
the bounty that the Lord our God has given us.

The Offertory

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Hernaman/Day's Psalter

*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)

From the abundance entrusted to us,
we offer up the best we can give.
O God, guide our use of this precious trust,
that it may be spent in ways you choose,
for the sake of people among whom
you call us to dwell in peace. 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 People's Prayer

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 #418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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Will Tompson

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.