



**Mountain Shadows  
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**March 17, 2019, 10:00 AM  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
Celebrating the BODI (Beyond Our Doors Initiative)**

**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**

*Prayer of St Gregory*  
Rod Hutton - Trumpet

Alan Hovhannes

**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)**

**Worship Co-Leader: Laura Carey**

In the presence of God, in this community of faith,  
we who were strangers are welcomed.  
**We who hunger are gathered and fed.**  
**We who thirst are given living water to drink.**  
We care for one another by listening to life stories.  
We pay attention to each other and we learn about neighbors  
who need clothing and food, love and prayer.  
**We ask questions and we venture beyond our church's doors.**  
**We encounter, in migrants and refugees,**  
**and in impoverished local communities,**  
**the presence of Jesus Christ, who says,**  
**"As you do to the least of these, you do to me." Amen.**

**\*Hymn #766**

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

**Call to Confession**

If we cannot perceive the needs of others,  
then we are ignorant and will not respond to those needs.  
We are called to give glory to God while caring for those in need:  
the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, and the stranger. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of all Creation, all people, hear our confession:  
it is easy for us to neglect the chronic needs beyond our narrow universe.  
Some of us enjoy great privilege.  
It is easy not to look beyond our comfortable lives.  
It is easy not to get involved in our neighbors' struggles.  
Yet you call us to engage in the community beyond our doors.  
Forgive us, God of mercy, for protecting ourselves and our time too cautiously.  
Free us from a sense of futility. When we witness injustice,  
give us courage to speak out and boldly confront it.  
When we see people suffering, keep us from heaping guilt upon ourselves.  
By your grace, make us aware of the needs around us  
and mindful of your power to work through our ministries.  
*(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)*  
Keep our hearts humble, O God.  
Empty us of our desire for praise or glory. Guide us to seek the truth  
and to know ourselves and all our neighbors as children of God. 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)**

In Jesus Christ, we have been blessed by God,  
who opens our eyes and hearts  
to the needs beyond our doors and borders.  
We are partners in faith with our neighbors,  
regardless of their race, color, ethnicity, or any class distinction.  
All are God's children! 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.  
Please turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choral Anthem

*A Kyrie for Our Time*  
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Don Besig

**Proclaim God's Word**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-40 (N.T. pg. 27; lg. print pg. 35)

Response

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

Sermon

Jesus' Love Embodied Beyond Our Doors Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #44**

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering**

With Jesus and the church  
we are partners in mission and ministry.  
We participate, listen, show concern,  
provide financial support,  
and become involved in the community.  
As a people of faith, we are small but mighty!  
We may not even be aware of the impact of our acts  
on furthering Christ's ministry around us.  
But by speaking out, reaching out, and being counted,  
we make a life-giving difference in the world that God loves.

The Offertory

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Steven Cupo

Robert Lowery

**\*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)**

Lord, make us a reflection of your love.  
Call us to new places of service and growth.  
Fill us with courage to open our doors wider  
and reach out beyond our comfort.  
Strengthen our congregation to bear love into difficult situations  
and find common concern with those we often overlook.  
Teach us to seek out those whom we may push to the margins of our lives.  
Use these offerings for your purposes, O God,  
and help us to become more Christ-like this day. 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 #774**

*There Is Now a New Creation*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.