



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**March 24, 2019, 10:00 AM**  
**The Third 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**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Dawn Doorn & Charmaine Piane-Dame

JS Bach

**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 Psalm 63:1-5)**

**Worship Co-Leader: Dan Linegar**

O God, you alone are our God.  
We seek you; our souls thirst for you.  
**Our flesh faints for you,**  
**as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**  
We have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
**Because your steadfast love is better than life,**  
**our lips will praise you.**  
We will bless you as long as we live;  
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.  
**Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast,**  
**and our mouths praise you with joyful lips. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #626**

*As the Deer*

**Call to Confession (based on Isaiah 55:6-7)**

Seek the Lord while God may be found;  
call upon the Lord while God is near.  
So that God may have mercy on us, let us return to the Lord,  
who will abundantly pardon. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, inspired by Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:7-9)

Your thoughts are not our thoughts, O God.  
Our ways are not your ways.  
As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are your ways higher than ours; your thoughts are far beyond ours.  
We spend our money on things that cannot give us life.  
We labor for possessions that cannot satisfy our needs.  
Help us listen carefully to you, our God.  
Your word is good and delightful.  
Your promise to be our God is everlasting.  
By your sure and steadfast love,  
lead us to relinquish our needless attachments,  
return to you, and receive from you the priceless gift of life.  
*(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)*  
You give us time, O God, to turn toward you and grow in grace.  
May we never waste your kindness,  
or squander the gift of our time on earth.  
May we become the fruitful people  
you nurture us to be, in Jesus Christ. 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, based on 1 Corinthians 10:13)

No testing has overtaken us that is not common to everyone.  
God is faithful, and will not let us be tested beyond our strength,  
but with the testing, God also provides the way out,  
so that we may be able to endure it.  
We are not perishing!  
By God's faithfulness, we are flourishing.  
Forgiven in Christ, we are led out of sin.  
By the Holy Spirit's nurture, we live fruitfully! 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**

*I Believe*  
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Mark A. Miller

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

(N.T. pg. 71; lg. print pg. 92)

**Response**

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

**Sermon**

Rethinking Repentance

Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #247**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering** (based on Isaiah 55:1)

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Is there anyone here who does not thirst for living water?  
Is there anyone present who does not hunger for the bread of life?  
By the offerings we make, whether modest or great,  
we give thanks and praise to God,  
who invites all people to be nourished by grace.

**The Offertory**

*Trio Sonata – A Dialogue*  
John Reid - Bassoon & Carol Reid - Violin

Vivaldi

**\*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, based on Psalm 63:6-8)

We think of you and meditate on you, our God,  
for you have been our help.  
In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy.  
Our souls cling to you; your right hand upholds us.  
Receive from our hands these gifts and offerings.  
May they bring bread to the hungry,  
living water to the thirsty,  
and to the grieving and the hopeless,  
the good news of your love, in Jesus Christ. 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 #65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Williams & Hughes

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.