



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**April 7, 2019 10:00AM
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Celebrating 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

The Glory of the Cross
Mary Ann Luini & Joan Smith

Larry Shackley

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

A Moment for Ministry: A "Bookwarming" Celebration Elder for Learning, Rod Hutton

Introit

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship (responsive, based on John 15: 4-8, *The Message*)

Worship Co-Leader: Rev. Brad Munroe

Live in Christ. Make your home in Jesus just as he makes his home in you.

He is the vine, we are the branches.

We're joined with Jesus and Jesus is joined with us.

The relationship is intimate and organic; the harvest is sure to be abundant.

Separated, we can't produce a thing.

So we make ourselves at home with Jesus. His words are at home in us.

Be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon.

This is how you'll be shown who God is.

May we produce good fruit for God! May we mature as Jesus' disciples. Amen.

*Hymn #504

We Come as Guests Invited

Call to Confession (based on Matthew 13:1-2 and 9)

One day Jesus went out by a lake.

Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down.

The whole crowd was standing on the shore. He said to them,

“Everyone who has ears should pay attention.” Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, based on Matthew 13:14-15)

**God of the Living Word, when we are inattentive to your wisdom,
we hear, but we don't understand.**

**When we are not watchful for your presence,
we see, but do not recognize what we are seeing.**

Our senses have become calloused.

At times we stop our own ears and shut our own eyes.

Help us when we don't perceive what you are showing us,

when we don't listen to your teachings and truth,

when we don't understand the ways you intend for us to live.

Change our hearts and lives, O God, so that we become people who are Christlike.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Our eyes are happy when they see your goodness, O God.

Our ears are blessed when they hear your Word.

May we listen well for your good news, which comes to us in Jesus.

In his name, we pray. By his compassion, we are restored and made whole. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

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 Matthew 13:16)

Everyone who has ears, pay attention! Jesus has spoken!

We have been given the kingdom of heaven.

We have received even more than we truly need.

We have more than enough of God's mercy and grace. 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 Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem

There Is a Longing in Our Heart
Mountain Shadows' Choir

Anne Quigley

Proclaim God's Word

Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 1-13

(N.T. pg. 151; lg. print pg. 196)

Response

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

Sermon

Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering (based on 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 and 57)

Listen, I'm telling you a secret: We will all be changed—
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the final trumpet.
The trumpet will blast, and the dead will be raised with bodies that won't decay,
and we will be changed. With thanksgiving to God, who gives us this victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are invited to make our offerings.

The Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Marilyn Skoneczka-Flute, Dorothy Grimm-Clarinet

Arr. G. Schuster

*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 1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

**As brothers and sisters, O God, we stand firm and unshakable in faith.
With hope, we offer you our prayers. Gratefully, we place before you these gifts
to foster the church's ministries. By your grace, may we excel in the work
of our Lord, trusting that our labor will not be in vain. Amen.**

Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns

*Today, joys and concerns will be expressed in writing, placed in the offering plates,
and lifted up in the Pastors' and Deacons' 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 for us to remain in you, O God, who are steadfast and true.
You are from everlasting to everlasting. You created this world and called it good.
From the dust of the earth, you made humankind in your image.
You promised to be our God forever.
Even when we turned away from you, you remained faithful to us.
In Jesus, you came to abide with your people.
With love and courage, he spoke the truth we needed to hear.
**Even when we closed our ears and turned our backs on Jesus,
he persisted in giving himself for our sake.**
He gave us the bread of his body and the cup of our salvation.
By your Spirit, O God, transform us into Christlike people.

Communion Song

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured,
Let us be one in the Lord. (sing twice)**

Prepare us, O God: to break bread with Jesus, to be renewed by his presence
at this meal, and to live by the prayer that he taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it 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, based on John 15:4)

**In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself
but only by being joined to the vine,
we can't bear fruit unless we are joined with Jesus. Thank you, life-giving God.
Through grain and grape, through bread and wine, broken, poured, and shared,
you have united us with Christ. Now, into a hungry and thirsting world,
send us out to bear the good fruit of our faith. Amen.**

*Hymn #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Beach Spring
Mountain Shadows Ensemble

Duane Funderburk