



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

September 1, 2019 10:00AM
Celebrating Confessions of Faith and Sacraments of Grace

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

Come to the Water

John Foley

Mary Ann Luini & Charmaine Piane Dame

Lighting of Christ Candle, The Pouring of Water, and the Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

When the Poor Ones

Olivar & Manzano

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.065-4.066)

Worship Co-Leader: Rev. Denise Edwards

Faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits.

Where does faith originate?

The Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts

by the preaching of the holy gospel,

and confirms our faith by the holy Sacraments.

Sacraments are visible, holy signs instituted by God.

Through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion,

God reveals and seals unto us the promise of the gospel:

Through the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross,

God graciously grants us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

All praise to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

Call to Confession (excerpted from The Nicene Creed)

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In sovereign love, O God,
you created the world good and make everyone in your image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against you, O God.

We hide from you, our Creator.

**Ignoring your commandments,
we violate your image in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

You do not condemn us, O God.

You act with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**Your Spirit engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls us to all ministries of the church.**

As your grateful church, we praise you. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 795 refrain

**Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Words of Assurance (responsive, adapted from The Confession of Barmen, 8.14)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
Christ is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

**Through Christ, we are delivered
for free, grateful service to God's creatures. 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.

Special Music

Come and Feast
Mary Ann Luini - Soprano

Lee Denglar

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading Luke 14:1 and 7-14 (N.T. pg. 72; lg. print pg. 94)

Response The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon This We Believe Rev. Rachel Srubas

* Hymn of Affirmation #521 *In Remembrance of Me*

Respond to God

Invitation to Offering and Sharing 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 Offertory *God Be the Love to Search & Keep Me* RB Colligan

*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

Give Thanks to God

The Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to join our hearts and voices with believers of every time and place, to prayer the prayer our Savior 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.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, O God,

we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,

and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept our song of praise and thanksgiving

as a living and holy offering of ourselves.

May our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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. (repeat once)

The Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's life, death, and resurrection, until he comes.

* The Sharing of the Sacrament by Intinction

Please come forward to receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup of unfermented wine, eat, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray. To anyone unable to come forward, a server will bring the bread and the cup. Those seated on the chancel will be served in their places.

The Prayer after Communion (Unison, adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.52)

**Through our Lord's Supper, gracious God,
we have been reconciled with you and with one another.
Joyfully, we have eaten and drunk together at the table of our Savior.
We thank you for this communion with Christ
and with all people who are gathered to him.
In eating the bread and drinking the wine as Jesus taught,
we have received all the benefits of his death and resurrection.
We rejoice in this foretaste of his kingdom.
May we leave the Lord's Table with courage and hope
to live the lives of service to which Christ has called us. Amen.**

Go in God's Name

*Hymn # 481 *I Believe in God the Father* (based on the Apostles' Creed)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Jesu Joy

JS Bach