



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

September 8, 2019, 10:00AM
The Twentieth-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mountain Shadows Ensemble

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

O God You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Jeremiah 18 and Psalm 139)

Worship Co-Leader: Jayne Raffety

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God?

They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter,
we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise

for the wonderful works of God. Amen!

***Hymn #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Call to Confession

With empty hands and open hearts,
let us go to God in prayer,
and be prepared to follow Jesus
in love and service to the world.

Prayer of Confession (responsive, based on Psalm 139, Philemon, Luke 14)

God of our lives, you search us and know us.
You know when we are down, and when we rise up.
For neglecting to take up your cross, forgive us.
For the burdens that are ours to carry,
we need your strength.

Help us give up our attachments
to possessions and to our self-righteousness.

In your mercy, set us free to follow Christ.

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

We walk into an unknown future with you, our God.

Help us turn away from evil.

With every thought, with every song,
and with every prayer,
turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives,
into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. 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, based on Psalm 139)

God rejoices when we turn our lives around.
The Spirit reshapes us into vessels of love and service.
In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! 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.

Choral Anthem

Change My Heart O God

Joel Raney

Mountain Shadows Choir & Ensemble

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

(N.T. pg. 73; lg. print pg. 94)

Response

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

Sermon

What Language Shall I Borrow?

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #221** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Respond to God

The Invitation to the Offering (inspired by Luke 14)

The Holy Shaper of our lives
has shown us the cost of following Jesus.
With the offerings we make, let us give thanks
even for the crosses that are ours to bear,
and for the strength to carry them.

The Offertory

Take Up Your Cross

Everest & Lewis

***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** (inspired by Luke 14)

With these gifts, O God,
we lay down all that we have
and all that we are,
and take up the cross with Jesus. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

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 Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #826

Lift High the Cross

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Lift High The Cross

Sydney Hugo Nicholson

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.