



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**September 15, 2019, 10:00AM
The Twenty-Fourth 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

God of Empty Places
Fran Moran - Soprano

M.D. Ridge

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Amazing Grace

American Folk

Call to Worship (responsive, based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

Worship Co-Leader: Deborah Derting

The message about the cross—is it foolishness?

To us, it is the power of God!

Can God be known through conventional wisdom?

God has made foolish the wisdom of the world!

Is Christ crucified a stumbling block?

To those who are called, Christ is the power and wisdom of God. Amen!

***Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession (unison, based on Psalm 78:35-38)

Long ago, the people remembered that God was their rock;
the Most High God was their redeemer.

But they flattered God with their mouths;
they lied to the Lord with their tongues.

Their hearts were not steadfast toward God;
they were not true to the covenant of their faith.

Yet God, being compassionate, forgave them.

Trusting God to be compassionate toward us, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**You are the solid ground on which our lives are built, O God.
When we stumble and make foolish choices,
you pick us up and teach us the way we should go.
May this, our prayer, be more than words:
the cry of people who know we need your help.
Redeemer God, hear the truths of our hearts.**

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

We turn to you and seek you, our Healer and our Helper.

You know our struggles and our hopes.

**Even when we fall short of your intentions for our lives,
you love us and treat us with mercy.**

**Thankfully, we accept the gift of your redeeming grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 John 3:17)

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world.

We are not condemned, but forgiven.

We are beloved believers in the Lord. 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 Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choral Anthem

The King of Love
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Andrew Wright

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Ackers

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.