



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**September 22, 2019, 10:00AM
The Twenty-Fifth 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 *Watchet Auf (Sleepers Awake)* JS Bach

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit *Take My Life & Let It Be* Text/Havergal, Music/Malan

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, Luke 16)

Worship Co-Leader: Dan Engeljohn

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

We come in celebration and song.

We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

We come in celebration and song. Amen!

***Hymn #749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

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

The God of our salvation,

the God who weeps for us and for our world,

is the God whose compassion comes speedily to meet us,

and to forgive us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, your people are suffering,
For any suffering we have caused, forgive us.
Where there is woundedness within us, bring healing.
To any woundedness in others, help us bring healing.
Where there is discouragement in us, help us take heart.
To others who are struggling, help us bring support and comfort.
Where there is dismay and mourning,
help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities.

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

Heal us, O God.

You are our help and our hope,
the One we turn to in times of trouble.
In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ,
we pray. 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 79)

The Lord is the rock of our salvation,
the One who delivers us from sin.
Through the love of God
and the grace of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for all,
we are forgiven and made whole. 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

Jesus, Take All of Me/Just As I Am
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. H. Sorenson

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Amos 8:4-7

(O.T. pg. 807; lg. print pg. 1049)

Response

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

Sermon

Rev. Denise Edwards

***Hymn of Affirmation #757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord*

Respond to God

The Invitation to the Offering

Our tithes, gifts, and offerings may seem little in comparison to God's gifts to us, but we are called to be faithful over all that we have:

our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service.

When we give of ourselves, we practice the spiritual discipline of stewardship.

May God bless us in our giving, and may God's kingdom be here with us on earth.

The Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual

***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)**

Generous God, may these gifts be a blessing

for those who had no bed this morning from which to rise;

for those who had no breakfast and are hungry this day;

for those who have no new clothes;

for those who long to worship you but cannot.

Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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 #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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Text/Roberts, Music/Warren

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.