



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**October 6, 2019, 10:00AM
World Communion Sunday/Peace and Global Witness Offering**

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 Dorothy Grimm-Clarinet & Marilyn Skoneczka-Flute

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

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Moment for Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering Jeff States

Introit *One Bread, One Body* John Foley

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 150) **Worship Co-Leader: Nicky Bantock**

We have come together to praise God:
from whom all blessings flow.

**The firmament, the covering of earth and seas,
is the roof of our sanctuary.**

We dwell in the house of God as one people all the days of our lives.

We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.

Today we bless God for God's surpassing greatness!

Let everything that breathes praise God! Amen.

***Learning a New Hymn #389** *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord*

Call to Confession

When we come together and confess,
we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness.
Together, let us pray the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God.
We know the ways in which sin separates us from God.
We confess our reluctance to admit to the sin in our lives.
Today may we move past prideful illusions
and look closer at what we do, and don't do.
Sometimes the greatest sin of all
is our own complicity in the pain of the world.
We want to love as you commanded, Jesus,
but too often we justify the injustice of hunger, poverty, war,
and all the prejudices we didn't know we had.
Forgive us so that we may right our wrongs.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
Great is your love, and great is your faithfulness to us.
Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging
may help bring about the peace and love you seek
in our families, in the church, and all around the earth.
Help us to be more holy in our hearts. 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)

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God.
In our confession, we are promised God's mercy.
We are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives.
What wondrous love is this?
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***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.

Proclaim God's Word

Hebrew Bible Reading Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26 (O.T. pg. 717; lg. print pg. 933)

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

Sermon The Good Cry Rev. Rachel Srubas

*** Hymn of Affirmation #39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Respond to God

**Invitation to the Offering, the Peace and Global Witness Offering
and the Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns**

Christ reconciled us to God so that we might be one new humanity.
Through this reconciliation comes the promise of peace.
Let us give with open hearts to share the reconciliation of Christ
throughout the world.

The Offertory *By the Waters of Babylon, We Sat Down & Wept For Zion*
 - We Remember Zion. Jewish Melody

***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**

**Most loving and gracious God,
As we place these gifts before you, help us to discern:
How would you have us break down dividing walls in our world,
seek to erase hostilities, and bring peace?
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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.
Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation.
You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden.

Yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you.
In so doing, we rejected your intended diversity for us,
a human sin that we still can't shake.
Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways.
And still we fought and tried to conquer others to make all nations live like one another.
Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love.
He sat with sinners and tax collectors.
With gentleness, he touched diseased bodies.
He lifted others from their deathbed.
Even with his dying breath, Jesus promised rest to a thief on the cross.
Gracious God, you gave us your Son.
He died and rose again on the third day
so that we might have life everlasting.
With all your people on this World Communion Sunday, we sing out.

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 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.

*** The Sharing of the Sacrament by Intinction**

The Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Holy Triune God,
we thank you for the meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations.
We thank you for the supper where a little is enough to change our lives.
A bit of bread, a sip of wine feed hearts that yearn for communion.
Nourished by the good grain and fruit of the earth,
may we grow in the faithful knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn # 756**

O God of Every Nation

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

God of Every Nation

Welsh Folk Melody