



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**October 27, 2019, 10:00AM
Reformation Sunday
Celebrating the 22nd Birthday of
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church**

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

Allegretto Fantasia
Dorothy Grimm-Clarinet

Sextus Miskow

Rejoicing
Carol Reid-Violin & John Reid-Bassoon

Handel

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Spirit Open My Heart Text/R Duck, Music/Irish Melody

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalms 96 and 98)

Worship Co-Leader: JJ Johnston

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad.

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant! Let the rivers clap their hands.

Let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Let us make music to the Lord and offer the sound of singing!

O sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Amen.

***Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

But in Jesus Christ, God treats us with compassion.

God freely accepts us and sets us free from guilt and regret.

With courage, hope, and trust in God, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of love, look into our hearts.

Forgive, we pray, any unloving ways you find within us.

Seeker of souls, speak to our inmost selves.

Touch us with your kindness and heal our hidden wounds.

Holy Wisdom, teach us your truth.

Free our minds from fear and falsehood.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

You are faithful, God of mercy.

May our hearts, our souls, and minds

express only love for you, our God.

And may our love for you overflow to our neighbors.

We ask this in the name of our Holy Liberator, Jesus. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;

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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Jesus says to those who trust in him,

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Alleluia! In Jesus Christ, we are free to live truthfully!

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

Precious Lord/Lead Me Guide Me

Arr. R. Kingsmore

Mountain Shadows Choir

Proclaim God’s Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Joel 2:23-32

(O.T. pg.799; lg. print pg. 1038)

Response

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

The Joyful Welcome of New Church Members

*Pete and Theresa Ashton, Edd and Dawn Doorn, Susan Harden, Bob and Jane Hendrickson,
Suzanne and Randy Pennington, Elizabeth Posey, Iris Pusti, Joy Pusti*

***Hymn of Affirmation #291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Respond to God**The Invitation to the Offering**

Aware of the bounty of God's created earth,
thankful for the grace and generosity of God
on which this community of faith is founded and flourishes,
we are invited now to give generously from our abundance.
Let us share God's blessings as we make our offerings.

The Offertory*As The Deer*

Martin Nystrom

***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.**

Give Thanks to God**A Responsive Prayer for Reformation Sunday (responsive)**

God of all generations, on this Reformation Sunday,
we remember mothers and fathers in the faith
who took bold steps in new directions to re-form your church.
**Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions,
and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple.**
With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to be renewed,
as individuals and as a faithful congregation.
**O God, help us honor the past as we move toward the future.
Bless the gifts we give and the lives we live for you.**
Even as we do new ministries and sing new songs,
may we preserve vital memories and cherished legacies.
**On this anniversary of our congregation's founding,
we honor its living charter members.**
**We remember those have gone on to the Church Eternal.
We thank you, our God, for women and men
whose faithfulness has sustained us for over two decades.**

We delight in new members and friends who remind us
that we are a church reformed, and ever being reformed,
according to your Word in Jesus Christ.
In Jesus' name, we lift up in silence our joys and our concerns.
(Please pause for silent prayer.)

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 is 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 #687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, verses 1-3

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Text/Isaac Watts,
Music/W. Croft*

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.