



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**November 17, 2019, 10:00AM
The Thirty-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

Samuel Kinghorn

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Jesus Calls Us

Text/Alexander, Music/Jude

Mountain Shadows Choir

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Co-Leader: Gay Russell

Come people of God;
come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.
We come without fear. We come trusting in God.
Come people of God;
hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.
**In hearing the promises,
in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**
Come, let us worship and praise God!
Let us sing aloud for joy,
for God is truly in our midst! Amen.

***Hymn #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1-3

Call to Confession

Often, we are caught between despair and hope;
caught between a grim outlook and God's vision of a better life for all.
We are caught between those who say the world is wounded beyond repair,
and those who see a different life—a better life that can come to be,
if we only trust in the promises of God and pursue them. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**Our loving and caring God, we need this time together
to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith;
we need this time of worship to be comforted
and strengthened in your presence.**

**We see wars, hatred, and violence in so many places,
and we despair of ever stopping them.**

**We see oppression and injustice and persecution,
but are slow to raise our voices in protest.**

**When we become pessimistic people, remind us again that all beings
are called to live in the world you envision: of peace and justice and love.**

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

O God, help us believe in your vision of a peaceable world for all.

Help us believe in your promise of a new heaven and new earth.

**Imprint your vision and promise on our hearts,
so that we may co-create a beloved community for all,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

God is our strength and our salvation.

In place of anger, we are given comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness.

With this hope, and with joy and thanksgiving,
we can draw water from the wells of salvation!

In God's love we can reach across the differences that divide us.

Let us glorify God in a spirit of reconciliation and peace! 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

Peace Like a River
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Donald Moore

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

(N.T. pg.80; lg. print pg. 103)

Response

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Good News after All These Years

Rev. Rachel Srubas

*Hymn of Affirmation #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Respond to God

Invitation to the Offering

For God's word of challenge and of hope,
let us give thanks and praise and glad offerings.
May the gifts we share enable those whose lives they touch
to lead lives that embody both challenge and hope,
bound together by love.

The Offertory

Samuel Kinghorn

*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)

We offer our visions of hope, O God;
we offer our words of comfort,
our acts of love,
and our resources to help bring about
your new heaven and new earth.
We offer you our very lives,
that we may be coworkers with you
to bring about true transformation, in Jesus' name. 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 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 #848

Trust in God

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Samuel Kinghorn

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.