



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**February 5, 2020 10:00AM
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Gather in God's Name

Threefold Chime and Prelude

The Heart of Worship
MSPC Ensemble

Arr. M. Lawrence

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

Jesus Loves Me

Warner & Bradbury

Call to Worship (Responsive, adapted from Micah 6:1-8)

Worship Co-Leader: Susan Harden

With what shall we come before the Lord?
Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?
Or ten thousand rivers of oil?
Mortals, God has shown us what is good.
What does the Lord require us to do?
To do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

***Hymn #470**

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Call to Confession (based on 1 Corinthians 1:25)

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
We can count on God to understand us,
correct us, help us, and uphold us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Surprising God, you have made foolish the wisdom of the world,
teaching humankind that the meek shall inherit the earth
and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice.
When we cling to the values of this world, teach us what truly matters.
When we seek comfort in easy answers and escapes,
challenge us to act with courage and commitment.
When we disregard people who are hard to love,
remind us: Christ lifted up the lowly.
When we are ashamed of weakness, help us to remember:
Jesus made his home among vulnerable people.
See into our souls and forgive us, O God.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
Lord, you are the bringer of blessings and mercy.
Reorient our hearts and renew our minds.
Guide us to act with justice, to practice kindness,
and—in all things—to walk humbly with you. Amen.
(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,
and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel!
In Christ, we are forgiven, refreshed, and strengthened
to be a blessing to others. 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

We Are Called
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. Mark Hayes

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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Response

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

Sermon

To Be a Beatitude

Rev. Rachel Srubas

* Hymn of Affirmation #172

Blest Are They

Respond to God

Today, joys and concerns will be expressed in writing, placed in the offering plates, and lifted up in the Pastors' and Deacons' prayers during the coming week.

Offering Invitation

The offerings we make as an act of worship

are not burdensome taxes we must pay.

Nor do the gifts we give to support the church's work prove to God that we are worthy.

Our loving Creator takes us as we are, and by grace poured out to save and bless us,

God makes us more than we were:

more grateful, more glad, more ready to serve.

Gladly and humbly, let us offer a portion of our blessings.

The Offertory

I Am The Bread of Life
Skip Brauns & Jeff States

Steve Angrisano & Tom Booth

*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)

Let the poor in Spirit hear a word of hope, O God.

Let communities hungry for justice be fed and empowered.

Let the pure in heart be granted your vision

of reconciliation throughout the world.

And let these offerings contribute to your great work

of making peace on earth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right to remember that Jesus drew close to the poor.
He shared bread with the hungry and taught his disciples to do likewise.
Jesus held no one in contempt, but looked upon all people with love.
When people looked to him, they caught a glimpse of your face, O God.
When they shared wine with Jesus, they tasted your abundant goodness.
When they took his words to heart, they learned holy wisdom.
Even when people denied and crucified him, Jesus let love be his last word.
When he rose again, he breathed peace upon us,
and taught us the art of forgiveness.
Jesus offers bread and wine to the hungry and thirsty of every time and place, O God.
By this sacrament, nourish us, and by your Spirit, make us people
who give ourselves to others for Jesus' sake.

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!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal

The Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Blessed are we when we taste and see that you are good and gracious, God!
Blessed are we because we have received from your hand
more life than we could ask for, more love than we can measure.
Filled and fed by your grace in Jesus Christ,
we are ready now to be sent out to serve in his name.
May we be a blessing to all whom we encounter,
and may our lives invite our neighbors to find their life in you. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn # 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Argentine Folk Melody