



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

February 23, 2020, 10:00AM
Transfiguration
Deacons' Sunday
Moving Forward Faithfully Together

Gather in God's Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. This symbol * means worshipers may stand.
Please sign the attendance pad, found on the chair on the center aisle.
When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

The Threefold Chime & Prelude *Safe Within Your Arms* Mark Hayes
Mary Ann Luini – Soprano

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit *Open The Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

Moment for Deacons' Ministries and the DEAR Fund Deacon Brian Parker

Call to Worship (responsive) **Worship Co-Leader:** Deacon Brian Parker

Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:

The glory of the Lord settles over us.

Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

We are gathered on holy ground.

Let us magnify the Lord!

***Hymn #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Prayer for Deacons (from the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church USA)

The ministry of deacons as set forth in Scripture
is one of compassion, witness, and service,
sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ
for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed,
those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.
Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives,
brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment
are chosen for this ministry. Let us pray for our deacons.

Prayer for Deacons (unison)

**God of love and mercy,
in Jesus' humble spirit of servanthood,
you came to care for people in need of kindness.
For all deacons of the church,
whom you call to care for others, we thank you.
Equip our congregation's deacons
with gifts of sensitivity and spiritual presence,
so that through their ministries to us,
we may experience your love, O God.**

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

You call us all to love one another as Jesus loves everyone.
Even as we welcome and affirm deacons' prayers and care,
may we also follow their example: supporting people in distress,
comforting those suffering from loss, befriending the lonely,
and striving for a world where no one goes hungry or without help.
We ask all this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus. 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**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
The God of mercy strengthens us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keeps us in eternal life.
With joy we give to God all thanks and praise! 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

High Upon A Mountain
Mountain Shadows Choir

Lloyd Larson, Trilby Johnson

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

(N.T. pg.17; lg. print pg. 22)

Response

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

Sermon

God's Building: A Place to Listen

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation 455**

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

Respond to God

The Invitation to the Offering and Special Offering to Support the DEAR Fund

We have gathered here today to connect with the community of faith,
but most of all to listen for God's voice.
May the Lord's goodness and caring be affirmed in the offerings we give.
And may our gifts to the Deacons' Emergency Assistance Resource
help ensure this congregation's tangible, faithful support
for those among us who need help.

The Offertory

Lift Thine Eyes
Mountain Shadows Ensemble

F. Mendelssohn

***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)**

Luminous Giver of all good gifts,
bless these offerings for the work of the church.
When congregants face times of special need,
let the assistance that Deacons may provide
make the difference between an emergency
and the breakthrough of your light in people's lives,
showing them the way to hope and peace in Jesus. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

The Sharing of 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 People's Prayer

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 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 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1-3

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.