



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

March 8, 2020, 10:00AM  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
*Moving Forward Faithfully Together*

## Gather in God's Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. This symbol \* means worshipers may stand.  
To reduce the spread of infection, we are not passing attendance pads or offering plates.  
When we pass the peace of Christ, we refrain from shaking hands or hugging. Instead, we  
place our hands together in a prayerful posture and bid each other Christ's peace.*



The Threefold Chime & Prelude

Sam Kinghorn

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

A Moment for Moving Forward Faithfully Together

David Raffety

Introit

*To The Desert Follow Me*

Sarah Hart

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 121)      **Worship Co-Leader:** Mary Ann Butler

Raise your eyes toward the mountains!

Where will your help come from?

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't go to sleep or let you stumble.

**No! Our protector never sleeps or rests!**

The Lord is your protector;

the Lord is your shade right beside you.

**The sun won't strike us during the day;**

**neither will the moon at night.**

The Lord will protect you from all evil;

God will protect your very life.

**The Lord will protect us on our journeys—**

**whether going or coming—from now on and forever more.**

**\*Hymn #45**

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

**Call to Confession** (inspired by John 3:6)

Humans give life to their children.  
Yet only God's Spirit can change each of us into a child of God.  
Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Today we come before you, God, in bright daylight.  
We want to be bold and unashamed in our faith.  
But sometimes, like the man named Nicodemus,  
who went to Jesus under the cover of darkness,  
we are afraid of what others would think  
if they knew how much we need you,  
or heard the questions we want to ask:  
How can we be made new?  
How can we be reborn by your Spirit?  
In our embarrassment about the things of faith,  
meet us with your mercy, O God.  
Let our desire for spiritual renewal  
make us willing to receive you  
and believe you love us  
as deeply as you love the whole world.  
*(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)*  
You do not condemn us, God of love.  
You come to us in Jesus Christ,  
and save us through his grace. Amen.  
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

**Sung Response in Lent**

Tune: 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

We are a people reborn in the Lord!  
As it is in heaven above,  
so it is here below, in our bodies and souls.  
The Spirit who was with Jesus, is with us, too,  
leading us into new life even now! 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**

*All Are Welcome, All Belong*  
Mountain Shadows Choir

S. Angrisano

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

(N.T. pg.88; lg. print pg. 114)

**Response**

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

**Sermon**

God's Building: A Place to Be Renewed

Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation 408**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**Respond to God**

**The Invitation to the Offering (inspired by Romans 4:4-5)**

Money paid to workers isn't a gift.  
It is something they earn by working.  
But we cannot and need not earn God's grace.  
God accepts us as we are and gives us the gift of faith.  
The Scriptures talk about the blessings that come to people  
even though we don't do anything to earn those blessings.  
As we leave the church sanctuary after worship today,  
we will be invited to place our grateful offerings in the plate.  
Let us now prayerfully prepare for our ministry of giving.

**The Offertory**

Sam 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)**

**In days of old, O God, you called Abraham and Sarah:  
*Come—I am with you; step out in faith.*  
God, you speak still, claiming people of every land and race:  
*Come—I will bless you, that you may bless others.*  
May the offerings we will make today  
be a blessing to our church and our neighbors. 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 309**

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Sam Kinghorn

*\* Thank you for placing your offerings in the plate as you leave the church sanctuary.*

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.