

**A Complete Order of Worship for Sunday, March 29, 2020**  
**including attachments!**

**Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church**  
*Centered in Christ, Caring for Community*



The Lord be with you! I'm Pastor Rachel Srubas and I welcome you to this worship experience. By worshiping at home, you are both helping to protect public health and you are connecting with the whole congregation of faithful people who are lifting up their hearts to God even now. I invite you to set aside all that does not require your attention at this time, take a deep, refreshing breath, and offer your wholehearted presence to the Holy One who gives us life.

**Call to Worship**

Coming from places that have seen better days,  
**God bids us to celebrate this day,**  
**a day full of new possibilities.**

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,  
**the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,**  
**renewing our connection with God**  
**and with one another.**

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,  
**Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us,**  
**speaking to us a life-giving word,**  
**and building us as a community for holy service. Amen.**

**Musical Meditation *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

*Please listen to the attached recording of the hymn.*

*Piano: Charmaine Piane Dame. Clarinet: Dorothy Grimm.*

*You may sing or read the lyric as you listen.*

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Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am yours alone,  
and in my life, I am made whole  
in spirit and flesh and bone.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I always be  
spiritually yours throughout this life  
and for eternity.

**Call to Confession**

Hope in God, whose love is steadfast,  
whose power redeems. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of life, present and promised,  
you are the One to whom we call,  
because you are the One who hears,  
and you are the One who acts,  
bringing us new life by your grace and power.  
In places where life is at risk;  
places where hope seems far away;  
places where dreams die during sleep,**

**your Spirit stirs;  
your promises endure;  
your love overcomes sin and death.  
Have mercy on us in our discouragement,  
our fatigue and our fear.**

*[Please pause to offer your own prayer.]*

**Across the distances that separate us,  
unite us in the Gospel of new life  
that we claim and proclaim  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Even for people exhausted by crisis  
and scandalized by moral depravity,  
the God we serve is the God of life,  
the God of hope, the God of new beginnings.

**No fear, sin, prejudice, or guilt  
can overcome God's life-giving power.  
This we trust, and by this truth we live.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading and Pastoral Message**

**John 11:1-45** *Of Weeping and Glory*

*Please listen to the attached recording of the Scripture reading and pastoral reflection on it. Also attached is a written transcription of the recording.*

### **Musical Meditation** *From the Depths*

*Please listen to the attached recording of the music.*

*Piano and vocal: Charmaine Piane Dame.*

*You may sing or read the lyric as you listen.*

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### *Refrain:*

O Lord, hear my prayer. From the depths, Lord, I call.  
Do not turn from the sound of my pleading.  
O God, be my hope. May your hand hold me fast  
till I stand in the courts of your dwelling.

If you should count our sin, then who could hope for heaven?  
But you, O Lord, are merciful, forever is your love. *Refrain*

Your word will bring us peace and fullness of redemption.  
Your love will ever hold us near and bring us home to rest. *Refrain*

### **Prayers of Dedication, Joy, Concern, and the Lord**

From your hands, Provider God,  
come the blessings that make life possible,  
even the very gift of life itself.  
With gratitude and praise,  
we offer from our hands a portion of our labors.  
By your Spirit's leading,  
may we use our gifts to bless the life of others  
with the assurance of your love,  
the promise of hope that comes through faith in Christ,  
and the vision of justice that the Gospel reveals.

In Jesus, who revealed himself to be  
the resurrection and the life,  
we have been raised up this morning.  
In Christ, we live, and in him, we believe.  
Surely Christ is coming into this world even now,  
in acts of loving kindness that keep people from despair;  
in courageous helpers who serve their neighbors in need;  
in citizens who stay home to help save lives;  
in parents who work hard to home-school their children;  
in children who must discover new ways to grow and learn.

You call all people your children, God of Love.  
Hold humankind close to your heart.  
Look tenderly on all whom you have made in your own image.  
Let your breath restore the health of ailing people,  
even as the slowing of our commerce and travels  
has allowed the air around our cities to be cleansed.  
Watch over all health care providers, delivery drivers,  
and workers in businesses that continue to serve communities.  
They remind us:  
compassion is not a commodity to be bought or sold,  
and lives matter vastly more than profits.  
Unbind and liberate all who are held captive

by disease or dread, and all who have been misled.

Empower leaders to speak the truth clearly  
and guide communities justly,  
so that all people may claim the fullness of life  
that Jesus gives freely to the world.

In his name, we pray the prayer he taught us:

**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.**

**Song** *Oh Mary Don't You Weep*

*Please listen to the attached recording of the song.*

*Piano: Charmaine Piane Dame. Vocal: Steven Cupo.*

*You may sing or read the lyric as you listen.*

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*Refrain*

Oh, Mary don't you weep, don't you mourn,  
Oh Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn,  
Pharoah's army got drowned, Oh, Mary don't you weep.

If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood.

Pharoah's army got drowned,  
Oh, Mary don't you weep. *Refrain*

Mary wore three links of chain,  
every link bore Jesus' name.  
Pharoah's army got drowned,  
Oh, Mary don't you weep. *Refrain*

One of these nights 'bout twelve o'clock,  
this old world's gonna reel and rock.  
Pharoah's army got drowned,  
Oh, Mary don't you weep. *Refrain*  
One of these morning right and fair,  
spread my wings and cleave the air.  
Pharoah's army got drowned,  
Oh, Mary don't you weep. *Refrain*

### **Charge and Benediction**

(composed by Dr. Cameron Wiggins; provided by Irene Camp)

May we who are merely inconvenienced

**Remember those whose lives are at stake.**

May we who have no risk factors

**Remember those most vulnerable.**

May we who have the luxury of working from home

**Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.**

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

**Remember those who have no options.**

May we who have to cancel our trips

**Remember those that have no safe place to go.**

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market

**Remember those who have no margin at all.**

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

**Remember those who have no home.**

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

**During this time when we cannot**

**physically wrap our arms around each other,**

**Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God  
to our neighbors.**

Now, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

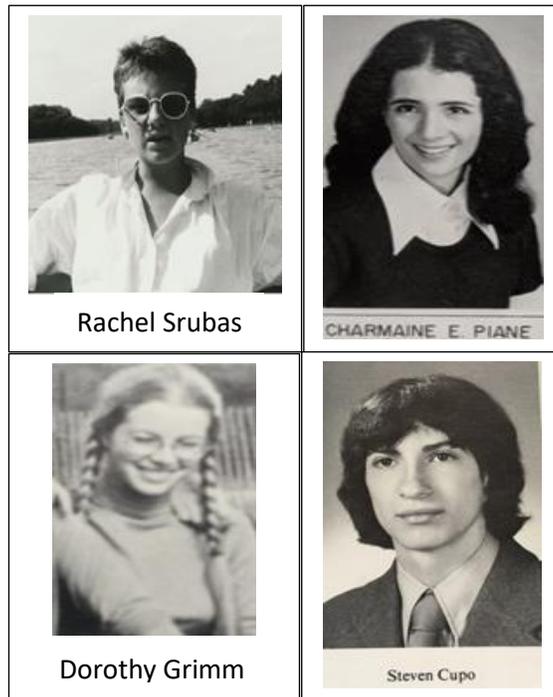
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit dwell within us all,  
today and every day.

Let God's people say: **Amen!**

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## Today's Worship Leadership Team (and Youth Group)



## Updated Announcements for the Good of God's People

🔗 Announcements new this week are flagged 🔗

🔗 Need to make a ministry announcement?

*For as long as we continue worshiping together in this format, we'll include updated ministry announcements in the emails sent from the church to the congregation. Announcements directly pertinent to the ministries of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church may be sent to [rachelsrubas@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsrubas@gmail.com).*

🔗 **The April Oracle is coming!**

*The Mountain Shadows newsletter will be emailed to everyone whose email address we have.*

🔗 **Visit Mountain Shadows Online!**

**A Reminder from the Communications Ministry Team**

Please take time to visit [www.mountainshadowchurch.org](http://www.mountainshadowchurch.org) regularly. There you'll find links to Sunday sermons and to our church's **Facebook page**, which is frequently updated with devotionals and other good news.

**🔗 New Solar Electric System Online!**

Mountain Shadows is going **GREEN!** Our new solar system installed in the area just east of the Education Building went online on March 24, 2020. We received the final approvals from Tucson Electric Power and we "flipped the switch"! The new system will produce electricity that exceeds our average demand. This will erase our "carbon footprint," allowing us to care for our environment. Look for more information in the April Oracle newsletter.

**🔗 We are Moving Forward!**

*Mountain Shadows Church gratefully received more building project capital campaign pledges this past week by US mail. We now have 35 pledges for over \$210,000! While the current environment might slow our planning, we will still be Moving Forward with our building project! Please mail your pledge to church this week to Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, 3201 East Mountainaire Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739.*

**Pastors Rachel Srubas and Denise Edwards**

**Welcome You to Be in Touch**

*Pastor Rachel Srubas invites you to be in touch and share your joys and concerns with her. Email Rachel at [rachelsrubas@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsrubas@gmail.com) or call or text her at 520-664-6970. Parish Associate Rev. Denise Edwards also welcomes you to contact her directly at [pdedwards520@gmail.com](mailto:pdedwards520@gmail.com) or 614-406-8901. Your pastors will listen and pray with you and provide you with spiritual care.*

**Additional Emotional and Spiritual Support:**

**Laura Munroe, MSW, CRE**

*Social isolation for the sake of our physical health can create emotional health concerns. Laura Munroe, a seminary-educated and experienced social work clinician who is also trained as a chaplain, will listen to you and help you find ways of coping and feel more at ease. Your meetings with her will be confidential. Even if you just need an ear, a friendly connection, and/or a prayer, Laura is available at 719-251-5432 or [lauramunroe@me.com](mailto:lauramunroe@me.com). You may schedule yourself at <https://ClinicalPastoralCare.as.me/>*

## **Venturing: Mission and Outreach to Neighbors in Need**

*☞ With the disruption of Tucson business and tourism travel, our church's friend Sifa Mwenge has been laid off from her hotel job. This is a time of great hardship for Sifa and her eight children. Please consider sending an extra financial gift to MSPC , with Sifa written in the check memo, to help Sifa with her family groceries, bills and rent. Questions? Please call Dennis Nelson at 520-425-4339. Checks may be mailed to Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, 3201 East Mountaineer Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739.*

*During this time of church closure, and in lieu of donations of physical benevolent goods, Mountain Shadows' congregation is invited to continue to support food banks, which are in critical need. Send monetary gifts to Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, 3201 East Mountaineer Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739 (noting Food Bank in check memo). Or even more expediently, send checks directly to:*

*Tri Community Food Bank  
PO Box 38  
Mammoth, AZ 85618*

*IMPACT of Southern Arizona  
3535 E. Hawser Rd  
Catalina AZ 85739*

*Interfaith Community Services  
2820 W. Ina Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85741*

*Likewise, let us continue to support Just Coffee in a new way! Order and pay for our coffee online at [www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org)  
It will be shipped directly to your home address!*

## **Stay Connected with Each Other:**

### **Use the Online Church Directory**

*Mountain Shadows' Online Photo Directory allows users to see the faces of our congregation's members and friends (especially meaningful during this time of social distancing). The directory is up-to-date, accurate, and searchable. If you aren't currently using the online directory, Carlton Wiens will gladly help you get started. Call him at 520-247-6016 or email [cwiens2@mac.com](mailto:cwiens2@mac.com).*

**Let's Keep Worshiping God Together, No Matter What**

*For as long as it is necessary to keep the church closed and practice social distancing for the good of public health, Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church will email a weekly Sunday worship service containing written and audio-recorded prayers, Scriptures, pastoral reflections, music, images, and announcements. We are committed to proclaiming the good news of the gospel, praising God, and nurturing the faith of God's people. We encourage you to devote an hour of each Sunday morning to at-home worship in the spiritual fellowship of kindred Christians.*