

Sunday, November 19, 2023



**A Thanksgiving Celebration of Worship
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church**

Prelude *A Song of Thanksgiving*

Lighting the Christ Candle, Opening Prayer, Welcome, and Announcements

Minute for Ministry: Is God Calling You to Serve as a Church Deacon or Elder?

Introit *In Every Age*

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Deuteronomy 8:7-10)

The Lord our God is bringing us into a good land
of flowing streams and pools of water,
with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills.

**It is a land of wheat and barley;
of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates;
of olive oil and honey.**

It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking.
It is a land where iron is as common as stone,
and copper is abundant in the hills.

**When we have eaten our fill, let us be sure to praise the Lord our God
for the good land given to us. Amen.**

***Hymn #643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Call to Confession (inspired by Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

No one can claim, “I have achieved great things with my own strength and energy.”

Remember: the Lord our God is the one who gives us life, helps us flourish, and fulfills the promises made to our ancestors and to us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison, based on Psalm 65:1-4)

**Good and gracious God, to you even silence is praise.
You listen to prayer, and all living beings come to you.
When our brokenness becomes too much for us to carry,
you forgive us and heal us. Hear now our silent confessions.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

How happy are those you bring close to your heart, O God.

We are filled by your goodness and holiness. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

Tune: 544

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Psalm 65:5, 8)

God our Savior faithfully answers our prayers
with mercy and awesome deeds.

God is the hope of everyone on earth.

**From where the sun rises to where it sets,
our God inspires shouts of joy!**

***Sung Response Glory to God**

Tune: 583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

***The Passing of Christ's Peace** (contactless)

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us turn to each other, put our hands together prayerfully, and say,
The peace of Christ be with you.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Response

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

Sermon

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Choral Anthem

Leaning on My Friend Jesus

Offering Invitation (based on 2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

When we make our offerings, we must each decide in our hearts how much to give—

not reluctantly or in response to pressure, but cheerfully.

God will generously provide all we need.

Then we will have plenty left over to share with others.

We may cheerfully share with others through our giving to the church.

Offerings may be placed in the plate or given securely online

at mountainshadowchurch.org. Thank you, and thanks be to God.

Offertory

Simple Gifts

***Doxology**

Tune: 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit ever more.
One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison, based on Psalm 65:9)

**You take care of the earth and water it, O God,
making it rich and fertile.
The river of God has plenty of water;
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain,
for you have ordered it so.
May these offerings provide bountiful blessings for your people
and accomplish your purposes through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The People's Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

***Hymn #647** *Give Thanks*

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude** *With Peals of Thanks and Praise*



**The Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church office will be closed on
Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.**

Two Hymns for Worship Service -- 11-19-23

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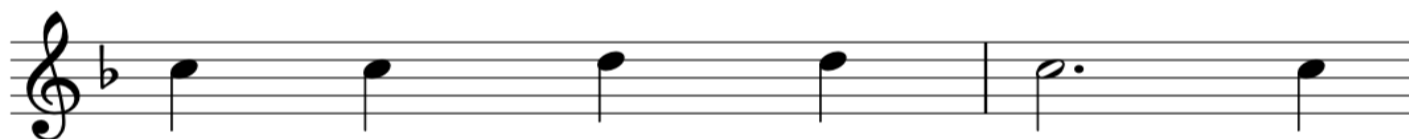
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1 Now thank we all our God with
2 O may this boun-teous God through
3 All praise and thanks to God, who



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reigns in high - est heav - en, to



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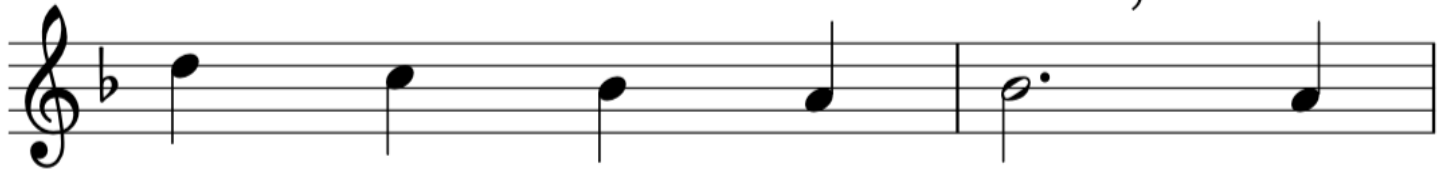
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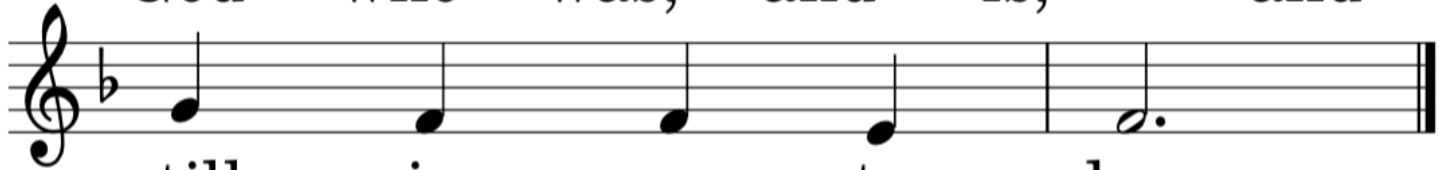
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blessed us on our way with
guide us when per - plexed, and
heaven and earth a - dore, the



count - less gifts of love, and
free us from all ills in
God who was, and is, and



still is ours to - day.
this world and the next.
shall be ev - er - more.

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Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give



thanks to the Ho - ly One; give



thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus



Christ, the Son. Give Son. And now let the



weak say, "We are strong"; let the



poor say, "We are rich be-cause of



what the Lord has done for us!" And



us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Gloria to God 647