

# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

*Centered in Christ, Caring for Community*

February 2, 2025

Celebrating Holy Communion



**Threefold Chime and Prelude**      *He Gives Me Peace*

**Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Visitors**

**Introit**      *Where Love Is Found*

**Call to Worship** (responsive, based on Luke 4:16-19)

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom.

He stood and read from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah.

As we enter into worship today, let us affirm Jesus' fulfillment of God's purposes:

**The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus. God anointed him to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

**United by the Spirit, we worship God in the name of Jesus. Amen!**

**\*Hymn #509**      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**Call to Confession** (based on Luke 4:22-29)

After Jesus read Isaiah's words to the gathered worshipers, they praised him.

But he challenged them. He questioned the depth of their faith.

When he told them, "No prophet is accepted in that person's hometown," the people became so angry, they turned violent.

They drove Jesus out of town to the edge of a cliff. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of truth and justice, you have taught us what you intend:**

**for impoverished people to receive compassion;**

**for trapped people to find freedom;**

**for unseeing people to envision your reign on earth;**

**for the year of your favor to be made real for all.**

**But like the Nazarenes who rejected Jesus,**

**we prefer to remain unchallenged and unchanged.**

**We are made uneasy by present-day prophets who call us**

**to do justice and practice mercy.**

**As Jesus challenged his hometown neighbors, challenge us, O God.**

**Help us hear your word of truth for us today.**

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

**God of courage and nonviolence, you call us to follow Jesus.**

**He slipped away from Nazareth unharmed.**

**It was not his time—yet.**

**You had purposes for Jesus to fulfill before he died.**

**You have purposes for us, as well.**

**Forgive us for our past failures.**

**Set us free to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.**

**Give us courage, Lord, to proclaim even this year**

**to be the year of your favor. Amen.**

*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*

**Sung Response**

TUNE: 451, OPEN MY EYES

**Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.**

**Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

Good news! We do not have to cure ourselves.

God, our merciful healer, can and does transform us.

**By God's grace we are released!**

**The love of Jesus liberates us to live with joy, gentleness, and peace. Amen!**

**\*Sung Response**

TUNE: 612, KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!**

**In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we rise up and adore you;**

**We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing!**

**\*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.*

**Scripture Readings**            1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Sermon**                        *A Strong, Demanding Love*

**Anthem**                      *Bread of Life*

**The Invitation to Christ's Table** (responsive) **and Communion Prayer**

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.**

**Sung Response**

TUNE: 530: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (REFRAIN)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;**

**One cup of blessing which we bless.**

**And we, though many, throughout the earth,**

**we are one body in the one Lord.**

## **Words of Institution and the Sharing of the Lord's Supper**

### **Offering Invitation**

The offering invitation that we hear each Sunday is more than a fundraising appeal. Whenever we gather for worship, we are encouraged to enact our praise of God in unselfish offerings that feed empty mouths and encourage weary hearts. The monies we place in the plate or give securely online at [mountainshadowchurch.org](http://mountainshadowchurch.org) make a tangible difference in the lives of people who need love. Thank you and thanks be to God.

**Offertory**                    *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**\*Doxology**

Tune: 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit ever more.**

**One God, true, whom we adore! Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication and The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**Compassionate God, you see beyond our barriers and you love without limits.**

**We bring these offerings with grateful hearts.**

**Use them to proclaim your good news, to heal the broken,  
and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept.**

**Transform our gifts into signs of hope and inclusion  
that reflects the boundless love of Jesus.**

**In his name, we pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*The entire text of the Lord's Prayer appears on page 35 of the Glory to God hymnal.*

**\*Hymn # 516**                    *For the Bread which You Have Broken*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                    *Psalm XVIII*

# Hymns for Worship Service – 2-2-25

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## #509 -- “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly;  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers,  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er;



ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness,  
We that once were lost and scat - tered  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble

# #509 -- “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”



all a - round us is our food.  
in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
live their days in grat - i - tude.

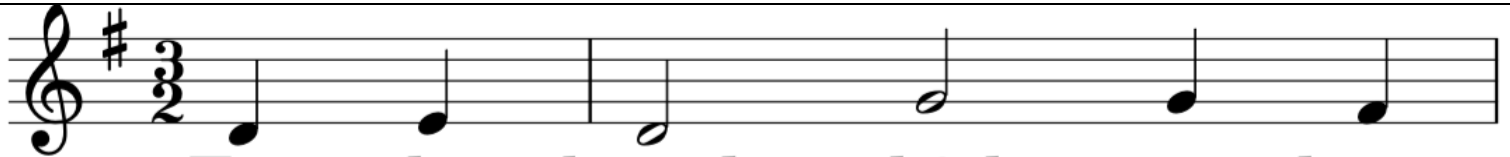


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.

# #516 -- "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



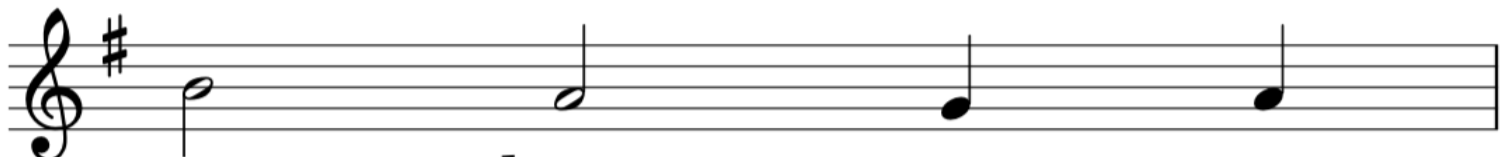
1 For the bread which you have  
2 By this prom - ise that you  
3 With the saints who now a -  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de -



bro - ken, for the wine which you have  
love us, by your gift of peace re -  
dore you seat - ed at the heaven - ly  
fend us; in our hearts keep watch and

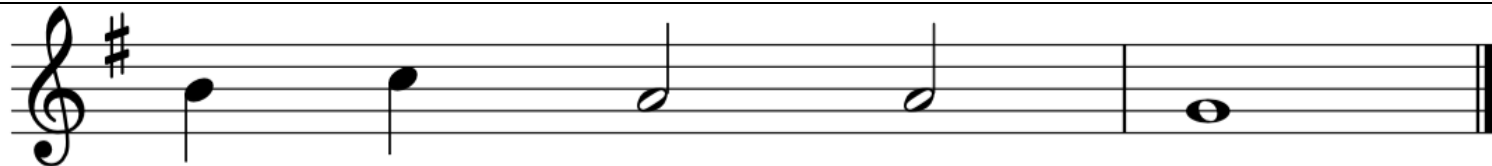


poured, for the words which you have  
stored, by your call to heaven a -  
board, may the church still wait - ing  
ward; in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we  
bove us, hal - low  
for you keep - love's  
send us let your

# #516 -- “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”



give you thanks, O Lord.  
all our lives, O Lord.  
tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
king - dom come, O Lord.

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