

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community



March 16, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Threefold Chime and Prelude *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

Introit *To the Desert Follow Me*

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 27:4-6)

One thing we ask of the Lord; this we seek:

to gather in the house of the Lord all the days of our life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

The Holy One will hide us in a shelter in the day of trouble.

God will conceal us under the cover of a tent and set us high on a rock.

Now our heads are lifted up, and we will offer gifts with shouts of joy.

We will sing and make melody to the Lord. Amen!

***Hymn # 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verses 1-3)

Call to Prayer (based on Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

Let us pray.

Unison Prayer (inspired by Psalm 27:7-9, 11a & 13)

Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud;

be gracious to us and answer us!

"Come," our hearts say, "seek God's face!"

Your face, Lord, do we seek.

Do not hide your face from us.

Do not turn your servants away in anger.

You have been our help.

Do not cast us off; do not forsake us,

O God of our salvation!

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Teach us your way, O Lord. .

Lead us on a level path.

We believe that we shall see your goodness, Lord,

in the land of the living. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

TUNE: 820, NADA TE TURBE

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Psalm 27:14)

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your hearts take courage.

We wait for the Lord!

With courage and hope,

we look toward our Light and our Salvation.

***Sung Response**

TUNE: 625, HOW GREAT THOU ART

(REFRAIN)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art.

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***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.

Epistle Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

Sermon *Dual Citizens*

Anthem *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Offering Invitation (based on Luke 14:34b)

Jesus once cried out, "How often have I desired to gather people together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings!"

Are we willing to come under Christ's care?

How might we support this church's ministries of spiritual nurture and compassion for neighbors?

We may place offerings in the plate or give them securely online at mountainshadowchurch.org. Thank you, and thanks be to God.

Offertory *Petition*

***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 Genesis 15:5)

Lord, you once said to Abram, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. So shall your descendants be."

You, our God, can multiply blessings beyond our ability to count them.

Through these offerings, we pray, let abundant goodness come! Amen.

The People's Joys 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 # 351** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Hymns for Worship – 3-16-25

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#314 -- “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the




dark-ness. Long-ing for truth,
trou-bled. Long-ing for hope,
hun-gry. Long-ing for wa-ter,
home-less. Long-ing for warmth,
peo-ple, man-y the hearts that



we turn to you. Make us your own,
man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
man-y are cold. Make us your building,
yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

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your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the
has power to save us. Make us your
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your

Refrain



world to see. Christ, be our light!
liv - ing voice.
all are fed.
liv - ing stone.
king - dom come.



Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark -



ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

#351 -- “All Who Love and Serve Your City”



1 All who love and serve your cit - y,
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty,
3 For all days are days of judg - ment,
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y



all who bear its dai - ly stress,
wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
and the Lord is wait - ing still,
be the cit - y of de - spair?



all who cry for peace and jus - tice,
call to mind the word of Je - sus,
draw - ing near a world that spurns him,
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry.



all who curse and all who bless:
“You must work while it is day.”
of - fering peace from Cal - vary’s hill.
Be its name “The Lord is there!”