

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11 APRIL 2010

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: 123 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Easter Hymn
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations Susan L. Denne
Voluntary: 116 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* O Filii Et Filiae
(Congregation invited to sing the first stanza.)

***Call to Worship:**
The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O give thanks to God, for God is good.

***Opening Hymn: 105** *Because You Live, O Christ* Vruuchten

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
O God, Your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations.
You keep finding ways to be among us, even when our hearts are hidden,
even when the doors of our souls are locked. You seek us out. We cannot
hide, but we confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways,
and corrupted our best intentions, making us believe that you don't notice,
that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create
in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you
have given us in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer of confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**
...Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Act of Praise 576** *Gloria, Gloria* Jacques Berthier
(to be sung by congregation three times)
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

***The Peace** *The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalter 232

Responsive

Psalms 118:19-29

Gospel

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Did Thomas Ask the Right Question? Rev. Dr. R. David Kaylor

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith 10.2,10.5,10.6

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Response Hymn: 316**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Prayers of Intercession

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Moore/Carter

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

Hymnbook pg. 16

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn: 121**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Fleischer

***Those who are able please stand.**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. R. David Kaylor, Rev. Susan L. Denne, Margaret C. Neale
Greet/Usher: Bob and Elizabeth Shaw

If you have any questions or are interested in joining this Church,
Elders will visit with you at the pulpit following the service.
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Life as part of Montreat Presbyterian Church PCUSA

- Wednesday 14th: 5 PM Adult Bible Study in Walkup led by Calvin Chesnutt: Ruth pgs. 192-197 of the Mighty Acts of God.
- Sunday 18th: 9 AM Worship will meet in Upper Anderson, remind your friends.*
Children's Treehouse, 3 PM, at the home of Elizabeth and Bob Shaw
- Monday 19th : Room in the Inn at the Methodist Church in Black Mountain
- Tuesday 20th: 10 AM Men's Bible Study, Huckleberry, Bill Seaman leading lectionary texts.
10-11:30AM Women's Circle will meet. Mary Hollins is the convener;
Fran McCaskill will lead the study on Ch. 8 of the Joshua study book.
5:45 PM, Fellowship Dinner 6 PM, Upper Anderson. The program will be on the Montreat Memorial Garden. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship and an informative program. Remember, you can bring your own utensils and plate to be more "Green".
- Wednesday 21st: 5pm Walkup. Susan Denne and David Stover will lead the study of Ezra and Nehemiah, pgs. 186-192 of the Mighty Acts of God.

SECOND LOAF needs your help this summer once again! Please sign up for Saturday mornings beginning June 12 through August 7 by calling Susie or Wade Burns at 669-1776 or emailing at susieb@montreat.org. Thank you for supporting this important summer ministry! (Second Loaf collects leftover food from conferees and channels it to the community through Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries.)

How do I join the Montreat Presbyterian Church?

There are three ways to become a member of the Presbyterian Church USA:

1. By making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and being baptized.
2. By reaffirming your faith if you have been baptized but inactive in a faith community for some time.
3. By transfer of letter from a church in which you have recently been a member.

You will find a warm welcome and a faith community that welcomes and encourages your gifts in service to God and neighbors. We are doing a new thing, come join in!

