

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.

That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself
tells us God works the divine, sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.
We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.

We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom.

***Gloria Patri 581**

***The Charge**

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind,
And with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Voluntary II”

George Frideric Handel

**Worshippers are invited to stand.*

Words appearing in bold and indented are spoken by the whole congregation.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are from the Brief Statement of Faith in the Book of Confessions of the PC(USA).

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

August 16, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

William Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

“A church is a place where we try to think, speak, and act in God’s way, not in the way of a fear-filled world. A church is a home for love, a home for brothers and sisters to dwell in unity, to rest and be healed, to let go their defenses and be free—free from worries, free from tensions, free to laugh, free to cry.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Children & Friends

Voluntary

“Come, Thou Holy Spirit Bright”

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Praise the lord!

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Praise the lord!

God’s righteousness endures forever.

Praise the lord!

The works of God’s hands are faithful and just.

Holy and awesome is God’s name!

***Hymn 307**

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

Prayer of Confession

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579

"Lord, Have Mercy"

The minister sings the first verse.

The congregation sings the second and third verses.

Assurance of Pardon

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

Response to Forgiveness 585

"Glory to God"

The congregation echoes the leader.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Gospels

John 6:54-58

Reading from the Old Testament

1 Kings 2:10-3:14

*Hymn 686

"God of Our Life"

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon

"Making the Most of the Time"

Rev. Keith Grogg

Prayer of the Day

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, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

*Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish Folk Tune Slane
Setting by John Carter

*Doxology 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer