

***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 VI

John Stanley (16th-19th c.)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

If you are visiting us today, welcome! Some of our spoken liturgy is responsive. Words appearing in **bold** and indented are spoken by the whole congregation as a response to the words of the liturgist.

We are grateful to the Tarnished Brass and our other guest musicians for enriching our worship today!

When the name “LORD” appears in the Old Testament, written in SMALL CAPS, it is a translation of יהוה, the name that is not to be pronounced, which in synagogues is said as “Adonai” when the Hebrew scripture is read. When the word “Lord” appears in regular font type, it is a more literal translation, and is not presented as the name of God, but as a descriptor. Note the two uses side by side in the first line of the Call to Worship.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version unless otherwise announced.

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

The Affirmation of Faith is excerpted from A Declaration of Faith. The 197th General Assembly (PCUSA, 1985) pronounced A Declaration of Faith “a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration.”

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—UPPER ANDERSON
AUGUST 9, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship & Minute for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Voluntary

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 130:1-7

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope;

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and God has great power to redeem.

***Hymn 321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

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 (responsive)

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 will echo the minister.

Service of Thanksgiving and Re-Dedication of Worship Space

When the worship leader prays, “God of all our generations,”

The congregation may respond, “We give you thanks and praise.” Daniel 2:23

***Hymn 687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Gospels

John 6:35, 47-51

Vocal Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

trad. American

Kayte Grace Sabo and Colleen Toole, vocalists

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Reading from the Old Testament

II Samuel 18:5-33 (selected)

***Hymn 424**

“Out of the Depths”

The minister sings verses 1 and 2; the congregation sings verses 3 and 4.

Sermon

“Somewhere between Heaven and Earth”

Rev. Keith Grogg

Prayer of the Day

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

William Moore (1825)

***Doxology 607**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***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**