

\*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.**

\*Sung Benediction 700 (verse 1) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!  
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\*Postlude "Recessional" John Carter

*\*The congregation is 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.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

**Morning Meditation** Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1423)  
*God, of Your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission** Hunger Walk

**Voluntary** "The Gift of Love" Gift of Love  
English Melody Hopson/Carter

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that they follow,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's law day and night.**

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

\*Hymn 664 "Morning Has Broken"

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness.**

**We desire what we do not need  
and corrupt our relationships with envy.**

**You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict.  
Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray.**

**Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 575** (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response to Forgiveness 587** (unison) “Alleluia”

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Scripture Reading** Colossians 1:15-20

**Second Scripture Reading** Genesis 1:14-2:4a

*All ages are welcome in our service!*

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities  
may go with the Children's Tabernacle greeter during the hymn before the sermon.*

**Sermon** “A Song from Mother Earth” Rev. Victor Wilson

**\*Hymn 367** “Come, Ye Thankful, People Come” St. George's Windsor

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 610** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON  
Glaser/Carter

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ all people here below,  
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,  
Praise Triune God Whom we adore, amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life:  
social and cultural, economic and political,  
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.  
It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin.

**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life  
shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ  
and all evil be banished from creation.**

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in all people and preparing the world  
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**With an urgency born of this hope,  
the church applies itself to present tasks  
and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.**