

*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 726 (verse 1)

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?”**

*Postlude

“As the Deer” (Part 1)

Martin Nystrom
Setting by John Carter

Congregational Meeting

Proposed amendment to MAO and bylaws
Election of Session Members (2016)

**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.

The Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Version, paragraphs 9.53-56.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Lamar Williamson, Jr.

*The point at issue is whether or not to welcome a charismatic prophet
who calls on the name of Jesus but does not belong to the apostolic group...*

*The problem as presented here is not that the man was not following Jesus,
but that he was not following the Twelve (‘us,’ the established leadership of the church).
Jesus’ answer is categorical: ‘Do not forbid him.’”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minutes for Mission

Nickel-a-Meal Offering
Peacemaking Offering

Voluntary

“As the Deer” (626 GTC)

Martin Nystrom
Setting by John Carter

*Call to Worship

Psalm 124

If it had not been for God, who was on our side,
we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.
God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.
**Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

*Hymn 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of unity, our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity.

We often move toward the latter, keeping out of our circles

those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us.

Forgive our need to reject, always on the lookout for things that separate.

Teach us your unconditional love and compassion, 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”

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 124

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

James 5:13-20

*Hymn 839

“Blessed Assurance”

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

“Fire, Salt, and a Cup of Water”

Rev. Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

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 698

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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*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.