

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free bread is available at the table. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.)

The Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our
daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

*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!

I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!

*Postlude

**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 6, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Proverbs 22:2

*The rich and the poor have this in common:
The LORD is the maker of them all.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

New Member Welcome

Minute for Mission

Nickel a Meal Offering

Voluntary

*Call to Worship

Psalm 125:1-2

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the LORD surrounds god’s people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

*Hymn 1

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! Lord God Almighty!”

Nickel-a-Meal offerings may be brought forward during the hymn.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.
You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we crush them.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.
Heal our unbelief, and turn us back to you, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

The worship leader sings the Kyrie once, followed by the congregation.

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 587 (Unison)

“Alleluia”

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 7:124-37

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

James 2:1-6a, 8-9, 14-17

Sermon

“Help Me Out, for God’s Sake”

Rev. Keith Grogg

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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*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.

*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.

*Hymn 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”