

\*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?”

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Voluntary II

George Friderick Handel

*\*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 excerpted from the Brief Statement of Faith.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Carlo Carretto (1910-1988)

*Love will make demands on us.*

*It will question us from within.*

*It will disturb us. Sadden us.*

*Play havoc with our feelings.*

*Harass us. Reveal our superficialities.*

*But at last it will bring us to the light.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Southern Harmony

1835/John Carter

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 126:1-3

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

**then it was said among the nations,**

**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

The LORD has done great things for us,

**and we rejoiced.**

\*Hymn 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
and sometimes we become so afraid of failure  
that we fail to take risks for your glory.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Restore us, O God, and give us the power to dream,  
so that we can faithfully serve Jesus Christ our Lord

And live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 576 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

### Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness 587 (unison)

“Alleluia”

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 126

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

\*Hymn 74

“When God Restored Our Common Life”

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

The Sermon

“Time Capsules: The Stewardship of Risk” Rev. Michael Isaacs

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 716

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris/John 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 (unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith—PC(USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.