

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

***Blessing**

***Postlude** “Festival Voluntary” Jeremiah Clarke

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

It is our great pleasure to welcome harpist **Virginia Redhead Bethune** in worship this morning. We are deeply grateful for her presence and honored by her gift.

Words in our liturgy that are indented and in bold are responses spoken by the 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
October 25, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary “Largo” (from *Xerxes*) George Frederick Handel
Virginia Redhead Bethune, harpist

***Call to Worship** Psalm 34

O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt God’s name together.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God!
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none who take refuge in God will be abandoned.

***Hymn 307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we have not been humble.
We have discouraged others from seeking you.
Too rarely have we sought your wisdom.
Forgive us, O God, we pray.
Give us the light of your wisdom and ways,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 576 (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness 587 (unison) “Alleluia”

Old Testament Reading Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

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

***Hymn 726** “Will You Come and Follow Me?”

Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52

Anthem “I Feel the Winds of God Today” arr. Pratt

The Sermon “Stumbling into Light” Keith Grogg

Invitation to the Ritual of Dedication

Silent Prayer “Be Thou My Vision” Byrne/Hull/Evans

*During the anthem, congregants are invited to reflect silently and, when moved to do so,
to bring Estimated Giving Cards forward and present them as a prayer offering to God.*

Litany of Dedication Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O God, not to us, but to your name give glory,
For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

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 “Arioso” Johann Sebastian Bach

***Doxology 607**

**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**

***Hymn 697** “Take My Life”

***Affirmation of Faith** The Barmen Declaration

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God which we have to hear
and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so, in the same way and with the same seriousness
he is also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.**

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to God’s creatures.

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the faithful
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord
in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit.**

As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify
in the midst of a sinful world,

**with its faith as with its obedience,
with its message as with its order,
that it is solely his property,
and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort
and from his direction
in the expectation of his appearance.**