

***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 300 (verse 1)**

“We are One in the Spirit”

“We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

“We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight” Dunlap’s Creek
Alford/McFarland/ Proulx

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Morning Meditation is from Genevieve Graves, from *A Book of Reformed Prayers* by Howard L. Rice & Lamar Williamson, Jr., eds.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

The Affirmation of Faith is excerpted from the Confession of 1967.

Words in our liturgy that are indented and in bold are responses spoken by the congregation.

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 15, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Genevieve Graves

*“Lord, You who love this person whom I do not love,
you who read the hearts of others whom I do not understand,
you who know the inmost suffering of those whom I ignore,
you who discern the efforts of each one in attitudes which I perceive as deceitful:
open my eyes and my heart.
You also know me far better than I know myself;
you love me better than I love myself...
Lord! Teach me to love with your love. Amen.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Holy Manna
William Moore, 1825/Carter

***Call to Worship**

1 Samuel 2:1-2

My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
There is no Holy One like the LORD,
There is no rock like our God.

***Hymn 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (responsive) from Exodus 20:1-17(MSG)

O God, you spoke all these words:

I am God, your God, who brought you out of a life of slavery.

No other gods, only me.

No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever.

Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because I am God, your God.

No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter.

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and mother.

No murder. No adultery. No stealing.

No lies about your neighbor.

Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.

Forgive and restore us, O God, when we have fallen short.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579 (unison)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness 587 (unison) "Alleluia"

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:19-25

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

***Hymn 436** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

Second Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (selected)

Sermon "Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (traditional) *Glory to God, p. 35*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

***Hymn 744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. 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**

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison) The Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.
The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.**