

*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 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” Deo Gracias
Biggs/Proulx/Kempis

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Morning Meditation is from Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), *The Principle or Foundation*.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 8, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Gerard Manley Hopkins

*“The birds sing to God, the thunder speaks of God’s terror,
the lion is like God’s strength, the sea is like God’s greatness,
the honey like God’s sweetness;
they are something like God, they make God known,
they tell of God, they give God glory,
but they do not know they do, they do not know God, they never can,
they are brute things that only think of food or think of nothing.
This then is poor praise, faint reverence, slight service, dull glory.
Nevertheless what they can they always do.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Beach Spring
Edwards/Wood

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
Praise the LORD!

*Hymn 260 (verses 1, 2, and 3)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (responsive) from Luke 6:36-46

Jesus said: Be merciful, just as your Maker is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged;

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

Give, and it will be given to you.

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye,

but do not notice the log in your own eye?

Or how can you say to your neighbor,

'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,'

when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?

Each tree is known by its own fruit.

O God, we profess clear knowledge

of what is in our neighbor's heart and mind,

and pretend to be ignorant of our sin against others and You.

Hear us as in silence we tell you the truth about ourselves,

and confess our willful failure to hear our neighbor's pain.

Kyrie Eleison (spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response to Forgiveness 587** (unison) "Alleluia"

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities

may go with the Children's Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.

Hymn 762 "When the Poor Ones"

Second Scripture Reading Mark 12:38-44

Sermon "Where You Go and What You Offer" Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (traditional) *Glory to God*, p. 35

***Hymn 295** "Go to the World!"

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Amazing Grace" New Britain/John Carter

***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 Belhar Confession

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation**

for the church of Jesus Christ;

**that through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:**

**one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe
that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin
which Christ has already conquered,**

**and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for
membership of this church.**