

**\*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.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Thanks Be To Thee” George Friderick Handel/  
Carter

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Words printed in **bold** and double-indented are congregational responses.

**Scripture passages** are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

The **Morning Meditation** and **Prayers of the People** are adapted from the PC (USA) resource *Call to Worship*, David Gambrell, ed.

The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from a litany by Andrew de Smet and Chris Polhill in Burgess & Polhill, eds., *Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week* (Iona: Wild Goose Publications, 2004; pp. 36-37).

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 21, 2016, 9:00 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Morning Meditation**

*Loving God, as Jesus wept with a mother’s tenderness over the city of Jerusalem,  
give us the spirit of compassion to grieve the suffering of the world,  
and give us the strength of will to seek your peace in every place.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary** “Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth/Carter

**\*Call to Worship** Philippians 3:20, 4:5

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
**And it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.**  
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
**The Lord is near!**

**\*Hymn 35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Generous God, for conspicuous consumption,  
for always wanting more, forgive us our failing.  
For burning energy without thought,  
for wanton waste, forgive us our failing.  
For not thinking through consequences,  
for not caring for future generations,  
for blind indifference, forgive us our failing.  
Creator God, Redeemer Christ, Guiding Spirit,  
Help us to live responsibly in your world. Amen.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 577**

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

*The worship leader will sing the “Kyrie” verse.*

*The congregation will repeat the Kyrie verse followed by the verse in English.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 604** (unison)

“Lamb of God”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Gospel**

Luke 13:31-35

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

**\*Hymn 7**

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

**Reading from the Psalter**

Psalms 27

**The Sermon**

“That’s How Much”

Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

*When the minister prays, “Have mercy, O God,”  
The congregation may respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

**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, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

**\*Hymn 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Thy Word”

Michael W. Smith/Carter

**\*Doxology 607**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*Gloria Patri 581**

“Glory Be to the Father”