

**\*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

**\*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**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

African Spiritual

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 6 2016, 9:00 A.M.  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Morning Meditation**

II Corinthians 5:17

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 32:1-2, 11

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**\*Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Nickel-a-Meal offerings may be brought forward during the hymn.*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways  
and wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home,  
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.  
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.  
Forgive us our sin, we pray, and bring us to repentance.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 577** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response 604** (unison)

“Lamb of God”

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Joshua 5:9-12

**Reading from the Gospels**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**\*Hymn 436**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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

**The Sermon**

“The Day the Manna Ceased”

Keith Grogg

## Prayers of Intercession

*When the minister prays, “We thank you, O God,”  
The congregation may respond: **You are making all things new.***

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

## Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

BROTHER JAMES AIR  
Bain/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**

**\*Hymn 525**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Communion of the People

*We use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice.*

## Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food  
of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living  
may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 500**

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”