

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN
Setting by Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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Montreat Presbyterian Church is a Green Congregation

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Easter

April 17, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

*Shepherd of souls,
you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word;
open our hearts to feed on your goodness,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we might dwell evermore deeply in you.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Jonas/
Setting by John Carter

***Call to Worship**

Rev. 7:12

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessings and honor are yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

***Hymn 232**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you,
ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray,
as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 576 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

“Alleluia!”

*The minister will sing once;
The congregation will then sing together.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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

*** Hymn 822**

“When We Are Living”

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43

The Sermon

“A Disciple Named Tabitha”

Carol Steele

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

***Hymn 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris/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 Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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.