

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead,

and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work, through sermon and sacrament.

The Church entreats us all to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.

***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**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

Mason 1824/arr. Bob Bruce Cumming

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Easter

April 3, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Henry Nouwen

"Community arises where the sharing of pain takes place, not as a stifling form of self-complaint, but as a recognition of God's saving promises."

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

Southern Harmony/Carter

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn 245**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,

forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,

forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,

join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
**pass through our barricades, open our hearts,
and give us peace. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 578 (unison) “O Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon and Response 583 “Alleluia!”
*The minister will sing once;
The congregation will then sing together.*

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

Reading from the Gospel John 20:19-31

The Sermon “Everybody’s Wounded” Keith Grogg

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

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “I Am the Bread of Life” BREAD OF LIFE
Southern Harmony, 1835/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 Words of Institution and Communion of the People
The bread is gluten-free and the cup contains unfermented grape juice.

The 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 242** “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive) Barmen Declaration
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God
which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.
**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so, in the same way and with the same seriousness
he is also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.**