

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.

**That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve, and love.**

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.

**The story itself tells us God works the divine, sovereign will
among all peoples of the earth.**

**We believe God works beyond our imagining
throughout the universe.**

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.

We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

**To worship God is highest joy.
To serve God is perfect freedom.**

***Gloria Patri (581) and 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**

“Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ”

Jamaican Folk Tune

Potter/Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 1, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

*Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness,
that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Voluntary”

Anon., 18th cent.

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 67

O God, be gracious to us and bless us, and let your face shine on us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

***Hymn 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city,
the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth.**

**All people and nations will stream to your city
where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace.**

Help us to see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation.

**Move us beyond our comfortable circles,
and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream
of a world made new in Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 578 (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 583

“Glory to God”

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

Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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

Hymn 796 (verses 1, 2 and 4)

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

Reading from the Gospels

John 5:1-9

The Sermon

“Until That Time”

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 Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

Walker’s Southern
Harmony/Carter

*Doxology

**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

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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

The Communion of the People

The bread is gluten free and the grape juice is unfermented.

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 254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”