

by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible,  
to have been created, to be retained in their being,  
**and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence,  
for such purposes as God's eternal wisdom,  
goodness, and justice have appointed  
and to the manifestation of God's own glory.**

**\*Gloria Patri 581**

**\*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.**

**\*Sung Benediction 542** (verses 1-3) God Be With You Till We Meet Again

**\*The Blessing**

**\*Postlude** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Glory to God: 542  
Rankin/Tomer

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**May 22, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Morning Meditation**

Romans 5:1 and 5

*We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Graduate Presentation**

**Voluntary** "Simple Gifts" American Folk Tune/  
John Carter

**\*Call to Worship** Jane Kenyon

I am the blossom pressed in a book, found again after two hundred years.

**I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper.**

When the young girl who starves sits down to a table,  
she will sit beside me.

**I am food on the prisoner's plate.**

I am water rushing to the wellhead, filling the pitcher until it spills.

**I am the patient gardener of the dry and weedy garden.**

I am the stone step, the latch, and the working hinge.

**I am the heart contracted by joy,**

the longest hair, white before the rest.

**I am there in the basket of fruit presented to the widow.**

I am the musk rose opening unattended, the fern on the boggy summit.

**I am the one whose love overcomes you,  
already with you when you think to call my name.**

**\*Hymn 301**

“Let Us Build A House”

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

God of the prophets,  
we confess that we have failed to heed your word.  
You call out to us; you reach out to us,  
yet we remain unresponsive and aloof.  
You give us dominion over your works,  
yet we waste and abuse your creation.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Open our eyes to see your handiwork.  
Open our ears to receive your truth.  
Open our hearts and hands to serve you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 578** (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon and Response 583** (unison)

“Glory to God”

**Reading from the Gospels**

John 16:12-15

**Reading from the Psalter**

Psalms 8:1-9

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

**\*Hymn 11**

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

**Sermon**

“Before the Mountains”

Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People**

*When the minister prays, “Holy, triune God,”  
The congregation may respond: “Have mercy on us.”*

**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 2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Graham Kendrick/  
Setting by John 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** (responsive)

Scots Confession 3.01

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust;  
**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons;**