

***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.**

***Sung Benediction 238 (verse 1)**

“Thine Is the Glory”

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has won!**

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

“To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Music by William H. Doanne/arr. Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The **Prayer of Confession** is by Ann Weems, “Have Mercy on Us,” in Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 38-39.

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2017 , 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

“Spirit of the eternal Christ, lift us up from doubt to faith. Lift us out of our cynicism, our skepticism, our unwillingness to believe that the good may be true, into a courageous faith and certitude concerning God and divine purposes. Illumine us, thou Sun of the morning, until not only shall our mountain peaks shine with a new confidence, but the very valleys shall feel thy noontime’s splendor and we have faith again in ourselves, in others, and in thee.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Wondrous Love”

Walker’s Southern
Harmony, 1843/setting by Carter

***Hymn 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
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 233**

“The Day of Resurrection”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Ann Weems

Kyrie Eleison 437 (unison) “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 447 “We Are Forgiven”

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Taizé Hymn 654 “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

The Sermon “Where Joy Is Found” 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 Fantasy on “Holy Manna” HOLY MANNA
Columbian Harmony, 1825/arr. 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”

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

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.

Invitational Taizé Hymn 527 “Eat This Bread”

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free bread is available at the table. 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** The Apostles’ Creed (traditional)

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 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.