

***Gloria Patri 581**

***The Charge**

Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
**and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom” MERLE’S TUNE
K. Moore, arr. Hopson

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** (and concurrent annual meeting of the corporation) will be held following the worship service. Refreshments to celebrate our new members will follow.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses.

The Morning Meditation is from A Brief Statement of Faith in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*.

The Affirmation of Faith is from The Scots Confession in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*.



MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION.

**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
January 29, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

A Brief Statement of Faith—PC(USA)

*In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Souper Bowl Offering

Voluntary

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Mason, 1824
arr. Carter

***Call to Worship**

Matthew 5:1-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

***Hymn 321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we confess our continual need for your forgiveness.

Our trust in you wavers.

Forgetting the solid rock upon which you have placed us,

we scramble for other ground on which to stand,

denying the saving power of the cross and resurrection

of our savior, Jesus Christ.

In your great mercy, forgive us, we pray,

and help us to stand in the goodness of Christ,

and to live in the light and strength of his truth and love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 437

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon and Response 447 (unison)

“We Are Forgiven”

Service of Celebration and Welcoming of New Members

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Prophets

Micah 6:1-8

***Hymn 172**

“Blest Are They”

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Hymn 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sermon

“But We Proclaim Christ Crucified”

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.

***Hymn 372**

“O for a World”

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

Glaser, 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 and Affirmation of Faith**

The Scots Confession

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;

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.