

***Sung Benediction 729 (Verse 1)**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

**Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Recessional”

John Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 12, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Proverbs 3:3

*Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Praeludium I”

BWV 846/J.S Bach

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 119

Happy are those who walk in the ways of the LORD.

Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.

O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping God’s statutes!

Then we will praise the LORD with upright hearts!

***Hymn 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

**You command us to honor you by loving one another,
yet all too often there is quarreling and jealousy among us.**

**You have blessed us with gifts for nurturing the common good,
yet our self-centered ways incline our hearts toward evil.**

**You call us to care for one other with compassion and steadfast love,
yet we wither in the face of anguish and brokenness.**

Help us to live your law of love, we pray.

Strengthen us to work together for neighbors near and far.

Equip us for the work of hope and healing in your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

“Alleluia!”

Service of New Member Celebration and Welcoming

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-26

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn 301**

“Let Us Build a House”

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 3:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Loyalty”

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

“Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte/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)

The Heidelberg Catechism

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its consequences
by grace, through Christ, without any merit of our own,
why must we do good works?

Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood,

he also renews us through his Holy Spirit

according to his own image,

so that with our whole life

we may show ourselves grateful for God’s goodness

and that God may be glorified through us.

***Hymn 286**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

***The Charge** (responsive)

Deuteronomy 3:19-20

God has set before us life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life, so that you may live,

loving, obeying, and holding fast to the LORD your God,

for that means life and length of days.