

**\*Hymn 817**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

**\*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.**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune”

Henry Purcell  
arr. 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  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 23, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Luke Timothy Johnson (1986)

*“The empty tomb certifies that Jesus is not among the dead...He now lives in a new way,  
and can appear anywhere... He enters rooms locked by fear,  
because the power of his life drives away fear and brings peace.  
He bears forever on his body the marks of wounded humanity.  
He is mysteriously present to the disciples as they work and eat together.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

Traditional  
Spiritual/Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 16:7-8

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the LORD always before me;

**With God at my right hand, I shall not be moved!**

**\*Hymn 245**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, we confess that we have not lived as Easter people.**

**When we are tempted to succumb to fear,  
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.**

**When we are distracted by petty conflicts,  
keep our minds on your reconciling love.**

**When we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,  
reveal again to us your triumph over destructive powers.**

**Forgive us our sin, we pray, and let our lives testify to your salvation  
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

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

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response 587**                      “Alleluia”                      CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Verses will be sung by the cantor.*

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles**                      I Peter 1:3-9

**Reading from the Old Testament**                      Psalm 16:5-11

**Taizé Hymn 814**                      “In God Alone”

*As in the Taizé style,  
the refrain will be repeated an unspecified number of times.*

**Reading from the Gospel**                      John 20:19-23

**Hymn 286**                      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Reading from the Gospel**                      John 20:24-31

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon**                      “Where Boundary Lines Have Fallen”                      Keith Grogg

## Prayers of the People

## 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**                      “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”                      Hugh Wilson, c1800  
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**                      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.**