

***The Charge**

from I Peter 1:22-23

Now that we have purified our souls by obedience to the truth
so that we have genuine mutual love,

let us love one another deeply from the heart.

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

***Sung Benediction 500 (verse 1)**

ST. FLAVIAN

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart.
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Peace Like a River” trad., arr. Carol Tornquist

**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
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 30, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Kenda Creasy Dean

*“Christianity has died many times and risen again;
for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” (GTG 500)

ST. FLAVIAN

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 116

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD!

**I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

Praise the LORD!

***Hymn 246**

“Christ Is Alive!”

Bible Presentation

Sophia Charlene Woods

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
our world is filled with corruption. Power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love.
We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web
of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions, and free us for glad obedience,
that we may see the joy of Jesus’ resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 577 (unison) "Lord, Have Mercy"
The cantor will sing, followed by the congregation.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587 "Alleluia" CELTIC ALLELUIA
Verses will be sung by the cantor.

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 116:12-19

Taizé Hymn 294 "Within Our Darkest Night"
*As in the Taizé style,
the refrain will be repeated an unspecified number of times.*

Reading from the Gospel Luke 24:13-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

The Sermon "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" 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 "I Come with Joy" LAND OF REST
arr. 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) A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**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.**

In gratitude to God,

empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven
and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

***Hymn 233** "The Day of Resurrection"