

***Hymn 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***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**

“Hornpipe”

George Frederic Handel

**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.

The Morning Meditation is from a hymn by V. Earl Copes, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” in *Glory to God* (486).

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 21, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

V.E. Copes (1959)

*“Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God’s you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ’s name.”*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
(GTG 275)

Martin Luther

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God’s praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
**We went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**
I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,
**those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised
when I was in trouble.**
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what God has done for me.
I cried aloud to God; I extolled the LORD with my tongue.
**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
whose steadfast love has not been removed from me.**

***Hymn 482**

“Baptized in Water”

Service of Baptism

Rowan McKenzie Trump

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
we do not always keep your commandments;
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.
Wash us in the water of life, that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579 (unison) "Lord, Have Mercy"

Assurance of Pardon

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

Reading from the Gospel John 14:15-21

Anthem

Kayte Sabo, soprano / Margaret Neale, pianist

Reading from the New Testament Epistles I Peter 3:13-22

***Hymn 475** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Reading from the New Testament Acts 17:22-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "Seeking, Fumbling, Finding" 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
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

***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.