

**\*Gloria Patri 581**

**\*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**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(39 GTG)

Chisholm/Runyan

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses.

The Morning Meditation is from the hymn “Come, Labor On” (GTG 719).

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
September 11, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Jane L. Borthwick, 1859

*Come, labor on. Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!*

*No arm so weak but may do service here.*

*Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God’s righteous will.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

Hunger Walk

**Voluntary**

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN  
arr. Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 14:2, 7

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!**

When the LORD restores the fortunes of God’s people,

**Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

**\*Hymn 619**

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Gracious God,  
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord;  
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm  
and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord.  
Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.  
Speak then your mercy into this place  
until we discover the courage to open our eyes,  
unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need,  
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace;  
for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 447** (unison)    “We Are Forgiven”

**Gospel Reading**    Luke 15:1-10

**Old Testament Reading**    Jeremiah 4:23-28

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities  
may go with the Children’s Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.*

**\*Hymn 436**    “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

**Epistolary Reading**    I Timothy 1:12-17

**Sermon**    “Patience, or Ambivalence?”    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.

**\*Hymn 773**    “Heaven Shall Not Wait”

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**    “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”    RESIGNATION  
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 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.