

***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** “O God, You Are My God Alone” (GTG 696)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses.

The Morning Meditation is from the hymn “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (GTG 708).

The Prayer of Confession is reprinted with permission from the PC(USA) resource *Call to Worship*, David Gambrell, ed.

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The Affirmation of Faith is from “A Brief Statement of Faith” found in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*.



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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
September 18, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

William W. How, 1858

*We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Voluntary “Variations on a French Noel (Part One)” Louis Claude Daquin

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 79:8-9, 13

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;

Let your compassion come speedily to meet us.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.

We your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

From generation to generation we will recount your praise.

***Hymn 409**

“God Is Here!”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, through Jesus Christ we have come to trust in you
and rejoice that you call us your own.
Help us to be more faithful with the gifts you entrust to us,
turning away from worldly wealth to worship and serve you alone.
Teach us to treasure your gifts, and to seek the good of all,
so that we may be a blessing.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 “Lord, Have Mercy”
Sung once by the cantor, then in English by the congregation.

Assurance of Pardon and Response 587 (unison) “Alleluia!”

Reading from the Old Testament Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities
may go with the Children’s Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.*

***Hymn 43** “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

Sermon “Not Strong Enough to Dig and Ashamed to Beg” 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.

***Hymn 697** “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “Variations on a French Noel (Second Part)” Louis Claude Daquin

***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 Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**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.**

***Gloria Patri 581**