

\*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

“Psalm 91” (GTG764) PELAS DORES DESTE  
MUNDO/Rodolfo Gaede Neto

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses.

The Morning Meditation is from Max Ehrmann’s poem “Desiderata,” found in *The Desiderata of Faith*. New York: Crown, 1996.

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
September 25, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Max Ehrmann 1872-1945

*You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.*

*And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore be at peace with God, and whatever your labors and aspirations,  
in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.*

*With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

Peace & Global Witness Offering

**Voluntary**

Reflection on “O Perfect Love”

PERFECT LOVE

Joseph Bamby, 1889/Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

**“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**When they call to me, I will answer them;**

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**\*Hymn 401**

“Here in This Place”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Almighty God,  
We brought nothing into this world,  
and can take nothing out of it;  
You have taught us that if we simply have food and clothing,  
we can be content.  
You called us to take hold of the eternal life  
and to fight the good fight of the faith,  
pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, and gentleness.  
Forgive us for having failed to live up to your call, we pray.  
Lead, guide and direct us in your way—  
You, who give life to all things.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 551** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 587** (unison)

“Alleluia!”

**Reading from the New Testament**

I Timothy 6:11-21

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

**\*Hymn 846**

“Fight the Good Fight”

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Jeremiah 32:1-15

**Sermon**

“Invested”

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 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

Welsh Melody / 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**

A Brief Statement of Faith

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.