

\*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.**

\*Sung Benediction “Come, Great God of All the Ages” (GTG 309)

**Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;  
Speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.  
Guide the Church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;  
Fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.**

\*Blessing

\*Postlude “Heaven Shall Not Wait” (773 GTG)  
Graham Maule, John L. Bell

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses.

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord’s Day

August 28, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Carrie Newcomer

*We embrace the song, and the story, and all our gifts  
because the world has such great need, and because the world exceedingly rejoices,  
and because there is no sadder thing than to leave this world having never really shown up.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary “The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need” EVAN  
William Henry Havergal

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 81

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.**

\*Hymn 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, forgive us,  
for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.  
We choose to believe we are self-sufficient  
rather than trust in your strength.  
Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people  
without regard to the outcome,  
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 577**

*Sung as "Kyrie" by the cantor,  
then in English by the congregation.*

"Lord, Have Mercy"

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 583**

*Sung once by the cantor, then by the congregation.*

"Glory to God"

**Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Seminary Internship

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

**Reading from the New Testament**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

**\*Hymn 315 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

**Reading from the Gospels**

Luke 14:1, 12-14

**Sermon**

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

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 305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

"With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord"

GRATUS  
Beall/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**

Barmen Declaration

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance  
of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so, in the same way and with the same seriousness  
he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.  
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to God's creatures.  
The Christian Church is the congregation of the faithful  
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord  
in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit.  
As the Church of pardoned sinners,  
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,  
with its faith as with its obedience,  
with its message as with its order,  
that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live  
solely from his comfort and from his direction  
in the expectation of his appearance.**