

**\*Prayer After Communion**

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven  
and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service  
that our daily living may show our thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Charge**

I Peter 2:19-25

Receive the good news:

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

Tell the good news:

**the power of death shall no more oppress us.**

Live the good news:

**we are free to love as he has loved us.**

**\*Expression of Gratitude**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther  
arr. Tornquist

*\*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.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*“We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked, and dejected with a lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at flood—it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is adamant to every plea and rushes on.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

Hunger Action Month

**Voluntary**

“Voluntary”

Jonas Blewitt (18th Cent.)

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 149

Sing to the LORD a new song, God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**Let Israel be glad in its Maker;**

**let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

For the LORD takes pleasure in the covenant people  
and adorns the humble with victory.

**Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy.**

**Praise the LORD!**

**\*Hymn 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the hymn.*

### Prayer of Confession

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.

Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,  
forgetting that you are Lord.

Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart  
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word  
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.

Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others  
as you have shown mercy to us.

Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

### Silent Prayer of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 437** (unison) "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

### Assurance of Pardon

**Response 587** CELTIC ALLELUIA

**The Reading from the Old Testament** Exodus 12:1-14

**The Reading from the New Testament** Romans 13:8-14

**The Sermon** "It Is Now the Moment" 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** "These I Lay Down" John Bell

### \*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

**\*Hymn 525** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### The Communion of the People

*The bread is gluten-free. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.*

**Taizé Hymn 527** "Eat This Bread"

**Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to me and you will not thirst.**