

***Hymn 317**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

***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**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

***Postlude**

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Geron Davis

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 17, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt

From every pulpit, and in every street and workplace, it should be proclaimed:

*“You all belong to God! Whether you are godless or devout,
under judgment or under grace, blessed or damned,
you belong to God, and God is good and wants what is best for you.
Whether you are dead or alive, righteous or unrighteous, in heaven or in hell,
you belong to God...”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Hunger Walk, Oct. 8

Voluntary

“With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord”

GRATUS
Beall/Carter

***Call to Worship**

from Exodus 15:2,11

The LORD is my strength and my might,

and has become my salvation;

this is my God, whom I will praise,

the God of my ancestors I will exalt.

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

This is my God, whom I will praise,

the God of my ancestors I will exalt.

***Hymn 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Please take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 577 (unison) "Lord, Have Mercy"

Assurance of Pardon

Response 447 "We Are Forgiven"

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 114

Hymn 822 "When We Are Living"

Reading from the New Testament Epistles Romans 14:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "In Any Event" 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "When We Are Living" SOMOS DEL SENOR
Spanish 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**

***Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967 (9.21-22)

The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.
The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.