

***Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***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**

***Choral Benediction**

“God Be in My Head”

Sarum Primer

setting by John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

John O’Donohue (1956-2008)

*All that is eternal in me welcomes the wonder of this day,
The field of brightness it creates offering time for each thing to arise and illuminate.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit

“Ubi caritas”

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Duke University Chapel Choir

Rodney Wynkoop, director

Jeannie Norris, pianist

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso
jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us exult and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God.

And with a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105:1-3

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God’s name,

make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, sing praises to the LORD;

tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Glory in God’s holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

***Hymn 81**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Prayer of Confession

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask,
you provide all our needs and many of our wants. You bless us all.

We confess that we often fail to notice the blessings you give us,
at times even questioning your willingness to provide.

Forgive us, we pray, and make us truly thankful,
and keep teaching us to bless others from the gifts you have given us
for the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 582

“Glory to God”

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

Philippians 1:25-28

Hymn 401

“Here in This Place”

Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 16:2-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem

“Alleluia”

Immanuel Mlenga (b. 1959)

*Alleluia. Munthu sakhala moyo ndi chaku dya chokha koma ndi ma wu onse amene,
ambuye mulu ngu alankhula ndi kukhutitsa mizimu yathu. Amen.*

*Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word which comes from the Lord God and feeds our souls. Amen. (Deut. 8:3)*

The Sermon

“Raining Bread from Heaven”

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.

Taizé Hymn 544

“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Choral Offertory

“Locus iste”

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.

***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**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent

and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.