

*The Charge

from Philippians 2:1-5

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,

**let us be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.**

Let each of us look not to our own interests,
but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.

*Blessing

**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.

The Morning Meditation is from the “Together We Serve,” Hymn 767 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER 1, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Daniel Charles Damon (1996)

“We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.

We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

KOMM, GOTT SHOPFER

Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Psalm 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

**things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD,
and God’s might, and the wonders that God has done.

*Hymn 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.

We have complained in the face of your mercy.

We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice.

We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude.

Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

The Sermon

“Regard”

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

“Simple Gifts”

American Folk Hymn
John 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**

***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.

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.**

***Hymn 372**

“O for a World”