

**\*Hymn 432**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

**\*The Charge** (responsive)

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, beloved, whatever is true,

**whatever is honorable,**

whatever is just,

**whatever is pure,**

whatever is pleasing,

**whatever is commendable,**

if there is any excellence

**and if there is anything worthy of praise,**

think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received  
and heard and seen,

**and the God of peace will be with you.**

**\*Sung Benediction 748**

“Go with Us, Lord”

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.**

**\*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.

Montreat Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care congregation.

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 15, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Psalm 115:12

*“The LORD has been mindful of us; God will bless us.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Variations on ‘Restorattion” Southern Harmony, 1835

John Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 106:1, 5

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD?

Who could declare all God’s praise?

**Praise the Lord!**

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

**\*Hymn 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**Prayer of Confession** (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female,  
of every race and people, to live as one community.

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God’s commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,**

**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God’s condemnation.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 577** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

**Response 447**

“We Are Forgiven”

**Minute for Mission**

Chaplaincy Program

**Reading from the Gospel**

Matthew 22:1-14

**\*Hymn 415**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Exodus 32:1-14

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles**

Philippians 4:1-9

**The Sermon**

“If There Is Any Excellence”

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**

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

Walker’s Southern  
Harmony/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**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Scots Confession (1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,**

**to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,**

**whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust;**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible,**

**omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons;**

**By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,**

**visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being,**

**and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence,**

**for such purposes as God’s eternal wisdom,**

**goodness, and justice have appointed,**

**and to the manifestation of God’s own glory.**