

**\*The Charge** (responsive)

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.**

**\*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 22, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Robert L. Edwards

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Variation 4”

Holy Manna/John Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

from Exodus 33:12, 14, 19

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

**“I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”**

Lord, you have promised us,

**“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

**“I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”**

Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

**“I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”**

Lord, show us your glory!

**We worship you!**

**\*Hymn 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Loving God, you assured your servant Moses:  
“I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious,  
and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”  
Forgive us, we pray, for diminishing or dismissing your promises,  
for responding to your goodness and kindness and forgiveness  
with fearful anxieties that obscure your message of love  
and make our faith timid and hopeless.  
Help us, O God, to trust in your grace and mercy.  
We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 579** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 447**

“We Are Forgiven”

**Minute for Mission**

Bounty & Soul

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Exodus 33:12-23

**\*Hymn 24 (verses 1 and 4)**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

**Reading from the Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

**Hymn 438**

“Rock of Ages”

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles**

1Thessalonians 1:1-10

**The Sermon**

“Be for Real”

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**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO  
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**

**\*Hymn 700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”