

***The Charge**

from I Thessalonians 5:14-18

And we urge you, beloved, to encourage the fainthearted,

help the weak, be patient with all of them.

See that none of you repays evil for evil,

but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

***Blessing** (minister)

I Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely;

and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless

at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 12, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Richard Rohr

“The cosmos is mirrored in the microcosm. If we let the mystery happen in one small and true place, it moves from there! It is contagious, it is shareable, it reshapes the world. Thus, both Jesus and Francis of Assisi had no pragmatic social agenda for reform. They just moved outside the system of illusion... Jesus and Francis moved to a much larger place that we call holiness/wholeness in God, and from there they could deal kindly with all smaller and confined places. Nothing threatened them; everything elated them, reflecting their own infinite abundance.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Forrest

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 78:2-7

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 his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

that the next generation might rise up and tell their children,

so that they should set their hope in God,

and not forget God’s works, but keep God’s commandments.

***Hymn 401**

“Here in This Place”

