

***Hymn 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

***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 19, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Pablo Casals

*We should say to each of our children:
Do you know what you are? You are a marvel.
You are unique. In all the years that have passed,
there has never been another child like you...
You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel.
And when you grow up, can you then harm another
who is, like you, a marvel?*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

SVCM

Voluntary

“Divinum mysterium”

John Carter

***Call to Worship**

Psalms 123:1-2

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD,
until our God has mercy upon us.**

***Hymn 612**

“We Praise You, O God”

New Member Welcome

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin,
your Spirit invites us to remember
that you chose us to be your servant people.
We confess that we are not always awake
to the power and gifts you pour into us for the good of creation.
Awaken us, O God,
and grant that we may be found trustworthy in all things
as we work to build your realm. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 437 (unison) "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587 "Alleluia"

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Hymn 384 "Soon and Very Soon"

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Psalter Reading Psalm 123

The Sermon "Entrusted to You and Me" 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "The Gift of Love" Traditional/Hal Hopson
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 from A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**