

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 366 (verses 1 and 3)** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***The Charge** (responsive) from Psalm 107:1-2, 6-9

Knowing God’s steadfast love endures forever,
we will give thanks to the LORD.

Knowing we are redeemed in the LORD,
we will say so.

Knowing that God delivers from distress,
satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things,

**we will give thanks
and share in God’s wonderful works for humankind.**

***Blessing** (minister)

**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 5, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation John Donne (1572-1631)

*He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light,
and he can bring thee summer out of winter, though thou hast no spring.
Though in the ways of fortune, understanding, or conscience thou hast been benighted till now,
wintered and frozen, clouded and eclipsed, damped and benumbed, smothered and stupefied,
now God comes to thee, not as the dawning of the day,
not as the bud of the spring, but as the sun at noon.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission SVCM

Voluntary “Holy Manna” Variation 2 arr. Carter

***Call to Worship** Psalm 107:2-3. 35-37

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

**There he gives life to the hungry,
and they establish a place to live;
they sow, and plant, and get a fruitful yield.**

***Hymn 1** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous,
excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others.

We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors
but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame.

In spite of the grace you have shown to us,
we are slow to show mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean,
that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 583

“Glory to God”

The cantor sings the verse once, then the congregation repeats the verse.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

*Hymn 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:7-17

The Sermon

“A Memory of Crossing Over”

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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Joncas/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.