

## The 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.**

## The Words of Institution & Communion of the People

*The bread is gluten-free. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.*

## The 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 480

“Take Me to the Water”

## \*The Charge

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.**

## \*Blessing

*\* The congregation is invited to stand.*

A **hearing loop** is active (“T-coil”). Scripture passages are from the NRSV. We are an Earth Care congregation; **please help us recycle.** The Prayer of Confession is adapted from Ann Weems, “In Search of New Resurrections” in Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1992), 91-92.

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JANUARY 7, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

## Morning Meditation

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

*Child of love, our love’s expression,  
Love’s creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
Into joy and laughter lead.*

## Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

## Voluntary

“Dove of Peace”

Southern Harmony, 1835  
arr. John Carter

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2, 11

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God’s name;

**worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

May the LORD give strength to the people of God!

**May the LORD bless God’s people with peace!**

## \*Hymn 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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

## Prayer of Confession

Weems (adapted)

*When the worship leader prays, “O Lord, in your mercy,”*

*The congregation may respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 551** (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon and Response 587** “Alleluia”

**Presentation of Elders-Elect** (clerk of session)

**The Constitutional Questions** (minister)

**\*The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation**

**\*Statement to the Ordained and Installed** (minister)

**\*Hymn 69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 1:1-5

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:4-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “The Heavens Torn Apart” 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** “Noel Nouvelet” 15th cent. French Carol  
arr. 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** (responsive) A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

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.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

**and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**\*Hymn 525** “Let Us Break Bread Together”