

***Hymn 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***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.**

***Sung Benediction 306 (verse 1)**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 11, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

John O’Donohue

*May you be embraced by God,
in whom dawn and twilight are one,
and may your longing inhabit its deepest dreams
within the shelter of the Great Belonging.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“These I Lay Down”

John Bell
arr. John Carter

***Call to Worship**

II Corinthians 4:5a, 6

For we do not proclaim ourselves;

we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness”
who has shone in our hearts

**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

***Hymn 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us, we pray,
so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 586

“Alleluia”

*The cantor sings the verse once;
the congregation sings the verse the second time.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

***Hymn 630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Second Scripture Reading

II Kings 2:1-18

Sermon

“Up a High Mountain, Apart”

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”

Michael Joncas/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 and Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest;
ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.**

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God’s love for humankind.

They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God
and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.**