

**\*The Charge** (responsive)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage!

**Hold fast to what is good.**

Return no one evil for evil.

**Strengthen the faint-hearted,  
support the weak, help the suffering.**

Honor all people.

**Love and serve the Lord your God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*Sung Benediction 166 (verses 1 and 4)** “Lord, Who throughout These 40 Days”

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

**\*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  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 18, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Frederick Buechner

*“Time runs by, runs out. Maybe it is all utterly meaningless.  
Maybe it is all unutterably meaningful. If you want to know which, pay attention.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity & Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Amazing Grace”

*Virginia Harmony* 1831

arr. Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 25:1, 4-5

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**for you I wait all day long.**

**\*Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.**

**We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,  
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths  
other than those you set before us.**

**Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil,  
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.**

**In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,  
and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 578

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

## Assurance of Pardon

Response 602

“Holy Lamb of God”

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

## Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Taizé Hymn 654

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Hymn 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Sermon

“Where the Wild Things Are”

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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

RESIGNATION

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

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”