

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 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

***The Charge**

I John 3:16-19

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**How does God’s love abide in any who have worldly goods
and see brothers or sisters in need and close their hearts to them?**

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

By this we will know that we are from the truth.

***Sung Benediction 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

***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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 22, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Psalm 23 (King James Version, 1611)

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Irish melody
arr. Carter

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**LORD, we come into your presence with thanksgiving
to make a joyful noise to you with songs of praise!**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture,
and the sheep of your hand.**



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***Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.
Forgive us, we pray, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit,
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 437

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

You are the Lord, giver of mercy. You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

“Alleluia”

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***Psalm (Hymn 802)**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:1-12; 4:1-12

Hymn 834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Epistolary Reading

I John 3:16-24

Sermon

“The Authority You Have in the Places You Go”

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

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

BRIDEGROOM
Cutts/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)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

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.