

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 295**

“Go to the World!”

***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.”

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.



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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 13, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Madeleine L’Engle

*“If God’s peace is in our hearts, we carry it with us, and it can be given to those around us,
not by our own will or virtue, but by the Holy Spirit working through us.
We cannot give what we do not have, but if the Spirit blows through the dark clouds
and enters our hearts, we can be used as vehicles of peace, and our own peace
will be thereby deepened. The more peace we give away, the more we have.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Dorothy Gartrell

Voluntary

“Variation 2”

Southern Hymn, 1835
arr. Carter

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on God’s law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous.**

***Hymn 321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,
You have made us and called us to be, in our faith,
like trees planted by streams of water.
We ask your forgiveness for having become cynical,
scoffing and full of doubt.
We do not always try to be an influence for good in the world.
We do not always pray for all who are sick or suffering;
we do not always serve you and our neighbors
to the best of our abilities.
Reconcile us to you and to each other, we pray,
and help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

“Alleluia”

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

John 17:6-11

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 306 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Second Scripture Reading

I John 5:9-13

Third Scripture Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Sermon

“When the Lot Falls on Me”

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

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

BROTHER JAMES’ AIR
Bain/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 Brief Statement 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.