

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.**

**\*Hymn 722**

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

**\*The Charge** (responsive)

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 and Postlude**

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Scripture passages are read from the NRSV. The Morning Meditation is from Karl Barth, *The Word of God and the Word of Man* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1928), 186. The Call to Worship in part uses M. Dahood's translation of Psalm 19. Portions of the Prayer of Confession are reprinted by permission from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* © 2014 Westminster John Knox Press.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Karl Barth (1928)

*“As ministers we ought to speak of God.*

*We are human, however, and so cannot speak of God.*

*We ought therefore to recognize both our obligation and our inability and by that very recognition give God the glory.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

The Hunger Walk

**Voluntary**

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**One day pours forth speech to another,  
each night unfolds knowledge to the next night.**

Without speech and without words,  
without their voice being heard;

**their call goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

**\*Hymn 401 (verses 1, 2 and 4)**

“Here in This Place”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Almighty God, we confess  
that we are often silent when we should speak,  
and talk when we should be listening.  
We have taken what you have given us  
and used your gifts to hurt others and defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.  
We neglect to stand before your throne in silent awe.  
Forgive our inability, we pray, to recognize you  
and live out the magisterial reality of your humbling gospel.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 579**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Old Testament**

Proverbs 1:20-33

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles**

James 3:1-12

**Hymn 693**

“Though I May Speak”

**Reading from the Gospel**

Mark 8:27-38

**The Sermon** “A Time to Speak, and a Time to Keep Silence”

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**

**\*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)

The 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.**