

***Hymn 318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

***The Charge** (responsive)

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.**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Concerto in G major (presto)”

J.S. Bach
(after Johann Ernst)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

This morning we welcome back **David Foster** as our guest musician. David was organist of First Baptist Church in Asheville for over 37 years. He continues to share his gifts with churches throughout the area, and we are delighted to have him with us today. We are grateful to God for **Margaret Neale’s** recovery and rejoice that she returns to service this week!

Scripture passages are read from the NRSV.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

John Oxenham (1908)

*“Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Prelude

“Concerto in G major (allegro)”

J.S. Bach
(after Johann Ernst)

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 124:1-8

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**

then over us would have gone the raging waters.
Blessed be the LORD!

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

***Hymn 321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move
between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter,
trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us,
act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject,
always on the lookout for things that make us different.
Give us, we pray, the eyes of our Teacher,
who knows unconditional love and compassion
and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. 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

Reading from the Old Testament Psalter Psalm 124
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Reading from the New Testament Epistles James 3:13-4:3

***Hymn 718** “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Reading from the Gospel Mark 9:30-41, 50

The Sermon “Who Has Ownership?” 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 Pastorale on “The Humble Heart” Andrew Clarke

***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 Barmen Declaration
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God
which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.
**The Church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ’s stead,
and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work
through sermon and sacrament.**
We reject the false doctrine,
as though the Church in human arrogance
could place the Word and work of the Lord
in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.
**The Church entreats us all
to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.**