

## \*The Charge

from Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence  
to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,  
and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for he who has promised is faithful.**

And let us consider how to provoke one another  
to love and good deeds, encouraging one another,  
**and all the more as we see the Day approaching.**

## \*Blessing

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Scripture passages are read from the NRSV.

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 18, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

### Morning Meditation

2 Corinthians 5.1

*“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God,  
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”*

### Chimes of the Trinity

### Ritual of Fellowship

### Voluntary

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

trad. spiritual  
arr. John Carter

from I Samuel 2:1-2

### \*Call to Worship

Let our hearts exult in the LORD;

**Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise!**

There is no Holy One like the LORD,

**there is no Rock like our God. Praise the LORD!**

### \*Hymn 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Eternal God, too often we have neglected to listen to you.**

**We have turned to voices other than your own  
to tell us what is the purpose of your Church.**

**We have heeded personal preference rather than seeking your will.**

**Turn us, even against our hesitation, back toward you.**

**We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 577**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 447**

“We Are Forgiven”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Old Testament**

II Samuel 7:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 301 (verses 1, 4, 5)**

“Let Us Build a House”

**Reading from the Gospel**

Mark 13:1-8

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles**

Hebrews 10:11-25

**The Sermon**

“Our Beautiful Stone Structures”

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**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

Welsh melody, arr. John 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)**

A Declaration of Faith

**We acknowledge one God alone,  
whose demands on us are absolute,  
whose help for us is sufficient.  
That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.  
We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.  
God’s reality far exceeds all our words can say.  
The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think is best.  
The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want.  
God comes to us on God’s own terms  
and is able to do far more than we ask or think.  
Jesus’ involvement in the human condition is God’s involvement.  
His compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion.  
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand.  
His willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness.  
Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love.**

**\*Hymn 686**

“God of Our Life”