

***Sung Benediction 265 (verses 1, 4,5)** “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap and loose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.
Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

***The Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 25, 2018, 10:00 A.M.
Christ the King Sunday**

Morning Meditation

Matthew Bridges (1851)

*Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends a burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

***Call to Worship**

from Revelation 1:4-8

Grace to you and peace

from him who is and who was and who is to come,

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,

who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

***Hymn 268**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Romans 12:9-21
Jeremiah 3:25, Psalm 80:3

We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Kyrie Eleison 227 (unison; sung three times)

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;

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Assurance of Pardon

***Response to Forgiveness 384**

“Soon and Very Soon”

Prayer for Illumination

The Reading from the Old Testament Prophets

II Samuel 23:1-5

The Reading from the Gospels

John 18:33-37

Hymn 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon

“A Kingdom Not from Here”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus

was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis

and present hope for women and men

when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God’s grace.**

***Gloria Patri 581**

***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.**