

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 618** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

***The Charge** Luke 4:4, 8, 12; Psalm 91:2

We do not live by bread alone.

Worship and serve only the Lord your God.

Do not put the Lord your God to the test. And we will say to the LORD,

"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

***Choral Benediction** "The Peace of the Earth" Guatemalan/Bell

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too,

the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

***Postlude** "Voluntary" Greene

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

MARCH 10, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Morning Meditation Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

*"If sympathy is all that human beings need,
then the cross of Christ is an absurdity and there is absolutely no need for it.
What the world needs is not 'a little bit of love,' but major surgery."*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" Johnson

***Call to Worship** Ted Loder (1984)

Catch me in my anxious scurrying, Lord,
and hold me in this Lenten season:

**hold my feet to the fire of your grace,
and make me attentive to my mortality**

that I may begin to die now
to those things that keep me from living with you
and with my neighbors on this earth;

to grudges and indifference,
to certainties that smother possibilities,

to my fascination with false securities,
to my addiction to sweatless dreams,

to my arrogant insistence on how it has to be;
to my corrosive fear of dying someday

which eats away the wonder of living this day,
**and the adventure of losing my life
in order to find it in you.**

***Hymn 612**

“We Praise You, O God”

Unison Prayer of Confession *(followed by silent prayer)*

O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us, we pray, when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you, we settle for less
than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray. Hear us as we call to you,
and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

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

Assurance of Pardon and Response 602 (unison)

“Holy Lamb of God”

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Choral Anthem

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Joncas/Hayes

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Hymn 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

The Sermon

“Until an Opportune Time”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)

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

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Pelz/DETROIT

***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 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.