

*Hymn 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*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.

*Sung Benediction 166 (verse 3)

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

*Postlude

“Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow”

J.S. Bach

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

MARCH 24, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Morning Meditation

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

arr. Shephard

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

**let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;**

Let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.

*Hymn 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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

**Holy God, You set before us a rich feast of blessing,
but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.**

**You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,
but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways;
our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.**

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Quicken our desire, we pray, for a more fruitful life.

We ask in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 576 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon and Response 604 (unison)

“Lamb of God”

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace; grant us peace.**

Reading from the Old Testament Prophets

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 808

“When Memory Fades”

First Gospel Reading

Luke 12:35-41

Second Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Choral Anthem “Hide Me under the Shadow of Thy Wings”

West

Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 63:1-8

The Sermon

“A Talisman against the Void”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

Mary Kathleen Duncan

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.**

Offertory

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

arr. Wood

***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** 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.
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.**