

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Gloria Patri 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

***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.**

***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.*

***Blessing and Postlude** “Processional” Handel

**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 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation Ilia Delio (2018)

*The world is like a crystal lamp illumined from within by the light of Christ.
For those who can see, Christ shines in this diaphanous universe,
through the cosmos and in matter.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude “Come Down, O Love Divine” Arnatt

***Call to Worship** Psalm 99:2-5

The LORD is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD!

Mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD; worship at the footstool of our God.

Holy is the LORD!

***Hymn 12** “Immortal, Invisible”

Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion,
the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command.**

**We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation,
including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend,
we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace.**

**Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words,
and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.**

