

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free bread is available at the table. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.

The 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.**

*Hymn 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

*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 Blessing

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, Amen.

*Postlude “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright/In Thee is Gladness” arr. Hare

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The **Prayer of Confession** is by Ann Weems, “Have Mercy on Us,” in Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993), 38-39. Montreat Presbyterian Church is a PC(USA) church of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, an Earth Care Congregation and a Living Wage Certified Employer.

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Christopher Edmonston (2019)

*“It is no small thing that symbols of life spring up around us
as our fears that hate-infused terror will not soon end reign over our imaginations.*

*It is no small thing that when men and women use their power for death
that God’s created world sends message upon message of life. Easter cannot come soon enough.
It comes to thaw our frozen hopes just as longer days thaw the frosts of winter.”*

Chiming of the Hour

Children’s Music Group

Introit

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Alington/Vulpus

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:23-24

This is the LORD’s doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

brass ensemble

Ritual of Fellowship and Prayer of Confession

Ann Weems

Kyrie Eleison 579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

Assurance of Pardon

***Response 582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Choral Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

John 3:16/Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-49

The Sermon “We Had Hoped He Was the One Who Would Redeem” 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

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. McMichael

Ann Neel, flute

***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 Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Hymn 525**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(SUNG) Holy, holy, holy Lord,

LAND OF REST (GTG 552)

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

(SUNG) Christ has died, Christ is risen,

LAND OF REST (GTG 553)

Christ will come again!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!