

***Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

***Hymn 384**

“Soon and Very Soon”

***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**

“In Thee is Gladness”

Gastoldi

A Congregational Meeting will immediately follow the postlude.

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 12, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Rachel Held Evans (1981-2019)

“This isn’t a kingdom for the worthy; it’s a kingdom for the hungry.”

Chimes, Ritual of Fellowship and New Member Welcome

Prelude

“Many and Great, O God, are Thy Works”

Dakota melody

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

***Hymn 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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

**Holy God, you have called a people to be your family
out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily
in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for having failed to honor and respect
the dignity of difference and the majesty of the earth.**

**Help us to embrace our oneness with you, each other
and all your creation, this day and always. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Anthem

“Emerald Stream”

Seth Houston

*Come, now, and gather in the glade where the Emerald Stream and the Evening Shade,
and meditate on the works God’s made, great God, our sovereign Lord.*

*Join us now, the meadow is green and the waters pure and the woods serene
and the flowing air is fresh and clean where God’s pure blessings poured.*

*Feel the wind come down, hear it whistle as it blows,
it brings us sun and it brings us snows, a blessing from above.*

*And the sun comes up, and the sun goes down,
and the stars and the moon go ’round and ’round, in witness to God’s love.*

*Hear, now, all women and men, for danger lurks in this great garden;
the Lord will visit once again to see what we have done.*

*As God is the shepherd and we are the sheep, we our mother Earth must keep,
maintain the air, protect the deep; at Judgement Day God comes.*

*See the Lord come down, hear Him whistle as he goes,
He bears a thunderbolt and a rose, remember all God’s power.*

See the Lord come down, face shining bright,

His holy feet are soiled but his robe is white; you will regret that hour.

*So, now, my people beware, you’re in charge of the seas and the earth and the air,
you’d better take extraordinary care of the Earth, our only home.*

*All glory be to God on high, shout praises loudly to the sky,
listen to the Earth and hear her cry, and in Heaven forever roam.*

Informational Presentations/ Minutes for Mission

John Hinkle, member, Mission & Outreach Committee

Genie Sullivan, board member, Children & Friends

Everett Culpepper, chair, Stewardship of Finances & Property

Ann DuPre Rogers, program director, Resources for Resilience

Hymn 708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-12

Anthem

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Wright

Chancel and Children’s Choirs; Ann Neel, flute

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never: I nothing lack if I am his
and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O, what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

Second Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:13-17

The Sermon

“They Will Hunger and Thirst No More”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

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

Meditation on “Terra Beata”

Callahan

***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!