

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis
in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection
become personal crisis and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing
that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

***Hymn 317**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

***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 542 (1)** "God Be with You"

J.E. Rankin/W.G. Tomer

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

***Blessing** (minister)

***Postlude**

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Southern Harmony

**The congregation is invited to stand. A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to "T-coil." Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version. Montreat Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care Congregation.*

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Jean Vanier (1928-2019)

*"It is only as we meet and share together person to person, eye to eye, and heart to heart,
that we discover what it means to be human and to discover the joy of being together,
working together toward a common mission of peace and unity."*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

"These I Lay Down"

John Bell

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all angels; rejoice, you heavenly host!

Sun and moon, lift the tune; twinkling stars, join in song!

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy gales praise your Maker!

Rocky spires and gentler green slopes,

Trees that offer food and shade,

Soaring birds and creeping mammals,

all creatures together, sing praise!

Rulers and governors, all nations and peoples,

Women and men, the old and the young!

Let all creation lift praises to God!

Praise the LORD!

***Hymn 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession (responsive) *interspersed with silent prayer*

We have gotten in your way, merciful God.

With our plodding steps and our over-reaching arms.

With our egos and our agendas.

We have blocked others from seeing you,

or at least from seeing you fully.

We have clouded their view—and our own.

We have tarnished your image.

We have gotten in your way, merciful God.

By misplacing, displacing or replacing people

with those who are more acceptable to us.

By devolving into words like “us” and “them.”

By failing to love without measuring the risk.

We have looked away from you. We have tarnished your image.

We have gotten in your way, merciful God.

As we throw aside things that could easily be used or reused.

As we deflect the tilling of good soil

and the bearing of good fruit for a better time.

As we pass the buck to those who are coming behind us.

As we pray, like petulant and privileged children,

for you to swoop in and clean up our messes.

We have ignored our responsibility. We have tarnished your image.

With downcast eyes we lift our prayers and our voices.

Kyrie Eleison 575

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

“Alleluia!”

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 372

“O for a World”

New Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Hymn 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

The Sermon

“Inside Out”

Christina Tutterow

Prayers of the People

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.

Offerings of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Fantasy on “Holy Manna”

Carter

***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**