

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works the divine, sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.

We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.

We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

***Hymn 817**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

***The Charge**

from Isaiah 1:16-17; Mark 12:28-31

Cease to do evil, learn to do good;

seek justice, rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

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.

***Blessing/ Postlude** “Mayenqiwe (Your Will Be Done on Earth, Lord)” South Africa/
trad.

**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. The Prayer of Confession is reprinted by permission from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press. MPC is an Earth Care congregation.

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 11, 2019, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Thomas G. Long

“To the eye of faith, the universe is not simply an aimless swirl of energy and matter but a creation, an expression of the love of God sustained by God’s hidden providence.”

Chiming of the Hour

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“We Are Called”

Hayes

***Call to Worship**

from Hebrews 11

How can we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible?

By faith.

How could Abraham and Sarah respond to God by setting out for a place, not even knowing where they were going?

By faith.

How could they live as only temporary dwellers, looking forward to a city whose architect and builder is God?

By faith.

How could generations live and die without having received the promises, only seeing them from a distance?

By faith!

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called our God.

More than that: God has prepared a city for us all.

***Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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

**Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Kyrie Eleison 438, v. 1 (unison)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

**Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Response 432/581**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation/Gloria Patri”

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 1:11-20

Taizé Hymn 205

“Live in Charity”

Congregants are invited to sing the melody or harmonize freely.

The chant will be sung an indeterminate number of times.

*The repetition of Taizé singing is meant to offer an opportunity
to enter into a meditative frame of mind and heart to prepare for encountering God.*

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 12:32-37

***Hymn 350**

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Somewhere Over the Horizon”

Keith Grogg

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Heaven Shall Not Wait” (GTG 773)

Bell

***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**