

It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

**In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

***Hymn 326**

“For All the Saints”

***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 Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

***The Blessing**

Hebrews 12:1-2

***Postlude** “Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)”

Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
AUGUST 18, 2019, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Isaiah 5:4,7; Luke 12:42, 51

*“What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
he expected righteousness, but heard a bitter cry.”*

“And the Lord said, ‘Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?’”

Chiming of the Hour

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Holst/Callahan

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Hymn 298 (verses 1, 3, 5)**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayer*

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care,
our doubt of your providence, our blindness to signs of your love.
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;
we separate ourselves from you and from others
and foster divisions among those you love.
Help us to amend our lives, and make us your faithful people
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 577 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response: Hymn 740**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Service of Commissioning

Clara Hare-Grogg, Young Adult Volunteer

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Choral Anthem

“To His Garden”

Kentucky Harmony/Matsui

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

The Sermon

“Have Regard for This Vine”

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Wood

***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.

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

Confession of 1967

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life:
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.
It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin.

**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life
shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ
and all evil be banished from creation.**

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.**