

*Hymn 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
September 29, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

*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 Peace of the Earth”

Guatemalan/Bell

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too,
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.*

*Blessing

*Postlude

“Toccatino”

Tambling

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A sound loop is active. Set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

Scripture readings are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

MPC is a congregation of the PC(USA), a church of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, an Earth Care congregation, and a Living Wage Certified Employer.

Morning Meditation

James Cone (1938-2018)

“Suffering naturally gives rise to doubt. How can one believe in God in the face of such horrendous suffering as slavery, segregation, and the lynching tree? Under these circumstances, doubt is not a denial but an integral part of faith. It keeps faith from being sure of itself. But doubt does not have the final word. The final word is faith giving rise to hope.”

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Courtney

Choral Introit

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Bateman/MADRID

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,

“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

And the LORD will say: “When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my salvation.”

*Hymn 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (unison, followed by silent prayer)

O God, you have invested everything in us:

creation, sustenance, redemption; grace, peace, mercy;

life, breath, time, space, earth, dominion, companionship, love.

**We confess that our investment in you, in creation, and in one another
is small, timid and conditional.**

**Help us, O God, to look beyond present fears and current malaise,
and entrust our future to you as you have entrusted so much to us.**

Kyrie Eleison 578 (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy.
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 583 (sung twice)

“Glory to God”

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

Stewardship Minute

Jane Alexander

Reading from the New Testament

I Timothy 6:6-21

Hymn 292

“As the Wind Song”

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Choral Anthem

“Sing a New Song”

Praetorius

*Sing a new song,
sing to God with a voice of triumph,
Make God's praises known to all the nations;
Sing the honor of God's name.*

Sermon

“Invested”

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.

Offertory

“Air”

Battishill

***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**

***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; 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.