

***Hymn 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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.*

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Presto”

Handel

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 13, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Covey summarizing Frankl

*“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response.
In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”*

Prelude

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

arr. Manz

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing!”

Bateman/MADRID

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 66:1-4

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name; give to the LORD glorious praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

***Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession (responsive; followed by silent prayer)

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and thank you always.

We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude.

We harbor resentment for what we lack.

We blame you; we blame others.

We doubt your compassion, even your power.

**We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others,
in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.**

Forgive us for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving.

**Heal us, we pray, and help us to live holy and joyful lives,
befitting people you love and save.**

Kyrie Eleison 578

“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 582** (unison)

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

Stewardship Moment

Nancy Midgette

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 66:5-12

Choral Anthem

“Come and See”

Martin/Barrett

Come and see what the Lord has done.

He filled the darkness with light. He filled the heavens by His great might.

He filled the earth and the seas. He spoke and all of life came to be.

God's spirit moved upon the waters, through silent depths and empty heights.

Into that endless night, God spoke and there was light.

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Hymn 797

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 2:8-15

Sermon

“But the Word of God Is Not Chained”

Rev. 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, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts “Amazing Grace”

Southern Harmony/ 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**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of evil;
that he protects me so well
that without the will of my God in heaven,
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit God's purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.**