

As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify
in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience,
with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property,
**and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort
and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

***Hymn 643** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***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** “Threefold Amen” DANISH

***The Blessing**

***Postlude** “Andante” Stanley

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing device to “T-coil.”

Words in bold and double-indented are congregational responses. Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version. Montreat Presbyterian Church 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.

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

Morning Meditation Psalm 127:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

Prelude “The Church’s One Foundation” Wesley

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit “How Firm a Foundation” *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*

***Call to Worship**

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

All the earth make a joyful noise to the LORD,

Who is God not of the dead, but of the living: Luke 20:38

for in him, all are alive.

***Hymn 619** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession (followed by silent prayer) A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.**

Kyrie Eleison 576

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

Assurance of Pardon

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

Response 587 (unison)

“Alleluia”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

II Thessalonians 2:1-3, 13-17

Choral Anthem

“From All the Earth Send Up the Song!”

Weaver

Ann Neel, flutist

From all the earth send up the song. Shout glad hosannas loud and long!

Serve joyfully! Our God adore. Acclaim God's honor evermore!

Great God, Creator, Source of all, both keeps and guards us when we fall.

One flock in our Good Shepherd's fold, we feast on bounties yet untold.

The gates of glory beckon here. Come, bless God's name. Give thanks. Draw near.

God's mercies last through all our days. New psalms, spring forth in grateful praise!

Our God is true from age to age. Our God is good beyond our gauge.

Our God is faithful, ever sure. God's kindness, love, and grace endure!

Scripture Reading

Haggai 2:1-9

Hymn 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Sermon

“And I Will Fill This House with Splendor”

Rev. Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offertory

“Come, Labor On”

Noble

***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**

Barmen Declaration (1934)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the faithful in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit.