

His lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

**He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

***Hymn 113**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***The Charge**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
**because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favor he has shown according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.**

Let us surely be his people, as children who will not deal falsely:

He has become our savior in all our distress.

***Blessing** (minister)

***Postlude**

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

J.S. Bach

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Katharina Schütz Zell (1498-1562)

“Did not God decree, from eternity, to allow the Word to become flesh for us? Did God not inwardly prepare your heart, through the Holy Spirit, to believe and be obedient to it? This is what Christ at His coming did, and will continue doing so until the end of the world.”

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”

French carol

arr. Pavone

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148:11-14

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

***Hymn 134**

“Joy to the World”

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayer*

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.

We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred.

We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice.

We have not been a light to the nations,

and our lives have not revealed your glory.

Forgive us, we pray,

and restore in us your beautiful grace. Amen.

