

***Hymn 309**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

***The Charge** (responsive)

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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**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Elderkin

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Scripture passages are read from the NRSV.

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
January 19, 2020, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

“I am beginning to now see how radically the character of my spiritual journey will change when I no longer think of God as hiding out and making it as difficult as possible for me to find him, but, instead, as the One who is looking for me while I am doing the hiding.”

Chiming of the Hour

Ritual of Fellowship

Introit

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Bateman/Spanish

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 40:1-5

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

**Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.**

***Hymn 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Holy One, your word assures us that you are steadfast in love
and ready to forgive. We pray for the mission of your church,
that proclaiming the good news of the age, we may put our trust in you.
Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, we pray,
that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 604

“Lamb of God”

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace; grant us peace.**

Assurance of Pardon and Response 587

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

“Light of the World”

Marrolli

*Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night. Once we walked in darkness;
now bursts forth your light. Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.
Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife. Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love. Teach us how to follow!
We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless. We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ, in your image, we'll greet the world; this is how we follow.
Light of our days, we feel your dawning call; send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!
Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one. We will always follow!*

Reading from the Gospels

John 1:29-42

Hymn 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Sermon

“Finding the One Who Ranks Ahead and Was Before” 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, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offertory

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. Hare

***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**

Westminster Confession of Faith

**It pleased God, in God's eternal purpose, to choose and ordain
the Lord Jesus, God's only begotten Son, to be the Mediator
between God and humanity, the prophet, priest, and king;
the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things,
and judge of the world; unto whom God did, from all eternity,
give a people to be his own, and to be, by him, in time,
redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**