

***The Charge** (responsive)

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.**

***Sung Benediction 744 (verses 1 and 1 and 4)** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

***Blessing**

***Postlude** “We've Come This Far by Faith” Goodson (1956)

The Annual Congregational Meeting will commence
after a brief period of fellowship.
All members of the active roll of Montreat Presbyterian Church
are eligible to vote in congregational meetings.

**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 26, 2020, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Psalm 27:13-14

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

The Souper Bowl Offering

Introit

“O Sing a New Song”

Psalm 96/Hopson

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 27:6, 8

Now my head is lifted up,
and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

***Hymn 269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you
in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires
and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our neighbors and siblings.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts, we pray.
Save us, and unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 575

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

New Member Welcome

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 79

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon “We’ve Come This Far by Faith, and God Isn’t Finished Yet” Keith Grogg

Choral Anthem

“Jesus Calls Us” Alexander/Patterson/Kallman
Mark Achtemeier, tenor

*Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me!”
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more!”
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!”
Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

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

“We Are Called”

Haas/improvisation

***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**

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

***Hymn 170**

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”