

***Hymn 726 (verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

***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.**

***Choral Blessing**

“I’m Pressing on the Upward Way

Oatman/Gabriel

*I’m pressing on the upward way, new heights I’m gaining everyday;
Still, praying as I’m onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”
Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven’s tableland.
A higher plane than I have found: Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

***Postlude**

“We Will Walk With God”

Swaziland/Bell

**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

February 16, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

William Walsham How (1864)

*“O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit 399

“God Welcomes All”

South African/Bell

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep God’s decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart,
who walk in the ways of God.**

I will praise you with an upright heart
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes, O God; do not let me go.

***Hymn 307**

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

*When the worship leader prays, “Loving God,”
the congregation may respond: **help us to turn our hearts toward you.***

Kyrie Eleison 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

**We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.Thanks be to God!
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.Thanks be to God!**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

Choral Anthem

“Seek First God’s Kingdom” Pavlechko
*Seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness.
And all these things shall be given to you as well.
Seek God. Seek God. Seek God.*

Hymn 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-24, 33-37, 43-48

Sermon

“Each Day, a Crossroads” 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, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offertory

“O God, Our Help” arr. Lang

***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 Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**