

***Hymn 350**

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

***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 Benediction**

“Eternal Light”

Alcuin of York/Schweizer

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Scottish Psalter

**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

February 23, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Morning Meditation

*God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives
until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.*

Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. Wood

***Call to Worship**

from Matthew 17:2-7

And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun.

“It is good for us to be here.”

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,

**“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!”**

The disciples fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

“Get up and do not be afraid.”

***Hymn 12**

“Immortal, Invisible”

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,
yet we fail to listen to you, and neglect to follow your guidance.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, we humbly pray,
that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge.**

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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“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

Exodus 24:12-18

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

Choral Anthem

“Transfiguration”

Schweizer

*After six days, Jesus led Peter, James, and John
high upon a mountain top and was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
And there appeared with him Elijah and Moses.
Then came a cloud, overshadowing them, and there came a voice,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen.”*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

***Hymn 189**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Epistolary Reading

II Peter 1:16-19

Sermon

“Listen to Him”

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

“Who Is This Host Arrayed in White”

Schack

***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 and Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives
of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**