

***Hymn 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Perrin Wright, pianist

***The Charge** (responsive)

Ephesians 4:28-29, 31-32, 5:1-2

Work honestly with your own hands,
so as to have something to share with the needy.

**Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is useful for building up, as there is need,
so that your words may give grace to those who hear.**

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath
and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

**And be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
**and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

***Hymn of Dedication** (sung twice)

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

***Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

We welcome our guest musician this morning **Dr. Eunice Wonderly Stackhouse**. Prof. Stackhouse teaches piano at Montreat College and resides in Black Mountain.

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.” Scripture passages are read from the NRSV. The Morning Meditation is from *New Songs of Praise, Book 2* (Oxford University Press, 1985). The Prayer of Confession is reprinted by permission from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* © 2014 Westminster John Knox Press. MPC is an Earth Care congregation.

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 12, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Thomas Troeger (1985)

*Refine and test each passing aim against this final one:
Has your life hallowed heaven’s name, and has God’s will been done?*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Piano Voluntary

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

JS Bach

Eunice Stackhouse, pianist setting by Dame Myra Hess

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 130:1-2; John 6:35; Eph 5:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.

**Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children,

**and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

***Hymn 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Merciful God,

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

We have hoarded the fruits of our labors

rather than share our bounty with the needy.

**We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness
but have indulged in evil gossip.**

We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done,
even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.
Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 130
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Taizé Hymn 654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”
The cantor sings the verse once; all join in and sing twice more:
In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Reading from the Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

The Sermon “On My Watch” Keith Grogg

***Hymn 501** “Feed Us, Lord”

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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” trad., arr. Mark Hayes
Southern Harmony, 1835

*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 A Brief Statement of Faith

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.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.