

***Hymn 353**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

***The Charge**

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**

“Threefold Amen”

DANISH

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Walther

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

November 17, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Loyal Rue

*“The universe is a single reality—
one long sweeping spectacular process of interconnected events.
[It] humbles us before the magnitude and complexity of creation...
It bewilders us with the improbability of our existence,
astonishes us with the interdependence of all things,
and makes us feel grateful for the lives we have.”*

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Crüger

Chiming of the Hour

Ritual of Fellowship

Choral Introit

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Schmolck/Neander

***Call to Worship**

from Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***Hymn 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession (followed by silent prayer)

**God of peace, we confess that we are a people of fear.
Too often we let anxiety rule our days and worry rule our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
Yet we know you are building a new heaven and a new earth.
Forgive us, we pray, for ignoring your command to be unafraid,
so that, forgiven and freed, we may learn again
to rejoice in what you are creating in us and in all creation.**

Kyrie Eleison 578

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response 587 (unison)

“Alleluia!”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Choral Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Herbert/Clarke

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Hymn 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Sermon

“Statements of Faith”

Rev. 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, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offertory

“Lead, Kindly Light”

arr. Wood

***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 Declaration of Faith

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a sibling
to all kinds of sinful people. God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ
is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest, ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory
over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth
which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God’s love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost,
and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.**