

**\*Hymn** "My Life Flows On" R. Lowry

**ENSEMBLE:**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

**CONGREGATION:**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

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Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**\*The Charge** (responsive) Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good.

**And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?**

**\*Blessing & Postlude** "Verso" Zipoli

**Congregational Meeting** Election of Elders

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**A hearing loop is active;** set hearing aid to "T-coil." For safety and in accordance with local mandates, we remain masked through the service. Worship leaders are fully vaccinated. Pulpit speakers unmask while at the pulpit, which is at a safe remove from the congregation. The ventilation system is an outside exchange, meaning air is cycled out and fresh air cycled in. We believe it is safe to pass offering plates.

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Upper Anderson, Montreat, North Carolina**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**September 19, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation** James 3:18

*"A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Introit** "Alleluia" Norah Duncan

**Ritual of Fellowship and Minutes for Mission**

**Prelude** "Simple Gifts" trad. Shaker tune/Improvisation

**Call to Worship** (liturgist) from Psalm 54:1-6

**\*Hymn 611** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

## Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** *followed by silent prayers of confession*

O God, who makes known to us all truth,  
we confess that we are weighed down by our failings:  
envy distances us from other people;  
greed alerts us only to our own desires.  
Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts.  
Where you call us to give, we take.  
Where your presence beckons, we resist.  
Deal with us not as we deserve, O God,  
but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way. Amen.

**Kyrie Eleison 575**      “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”      KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)  
*Choral Ensemble*

## Assurance of Pardon

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Reading**      Mark 9:30-37

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

**Piano Voluntary**      “Jesus Loves Me”      W.B. Bradbury

**New Testament Epistle Reading**      James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

**Sermon**      “The Wisdom from Above”      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**      “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace)      trad. Latin chant

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)      A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
**to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**