

ENSEMBLE:

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

***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?**

***Sung Benediction**

"Take My Life"

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise;
let them flow in endless praise.**

***Blessing and Postlude**

"Jesu, Priceless Treasure"

Crüger/J.S. Bach

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Morning Meditation

"Prayer of Awareness"

John Philip Newell

*"Light within all light, Soul behind all souls, at the breaking of dawn, at the coming of day,
we wait and watch. Your Light within the morning light;
Your Soul within the human soul; Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life.
In the dawning of this day, let us know fresh shinings in our soul.
In the growing colors of new beginning all around us, let us know the first lights of our heart.
Great Star of the morning, Inner Flame of the universe, let us be a color in this new dawning."*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

Voluntary on "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Schulz

Call to Worship (liturgist)

Psalm 90:13-17

***Hymn**

"Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said"

**Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.**

ENSEMBLE:

*Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

**Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

