

***Hymn 729**

African American Spiritual

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
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In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

***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**

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**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time.
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***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Processional”

Handel

**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 17, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Mark 10:39

*Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink;
and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“My Inmost Heart Now Raises”

J.C. Bach

Call to Worship (liturgist)

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35

***Hymn 697**

“Take My Life”

Havergal/Malan

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

ENSEMBLE:

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever only all for thee.**

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin.

We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.

We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. We ask in your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Stewardship of God's Gifts

John Rogers

Hymn 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" How/Mason & Webb

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be,
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 91:9-16

Choral Anthem

"John 3:16" Boykin

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

"Disciples Not Knowing What They Are Asking" Keith Grogg

Hymn 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" Gillard

THE CHORAL ENSEMBLE SINGS TWO VERSES.

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS, SINGING:

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

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

"Air"

Battishill

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

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.**