

***Hymn 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Irish trad.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, in my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou my inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

***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” (v. 6)

Havergal/Malan

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.

***Blessing and Postlude**

“Allegro”

Corelli

**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 24, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Psalm 126:3

“The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.”

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“Lead, Kindly Light”

LUX BENIGNA/Dykes

piano improvisation

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 34:1, 3, 8

I will bless the LORD at all times;

God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt God’s name together.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

***Hymn 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Neander/Stralsund

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

ENSEMBLE:

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
You see our need when we are blind to it.
In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith
and the harm we do to others and to your earth.
Forgive us for turning away from your will,
for ignoring the cries of our neighbors,
for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.
In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Stewardship of God's Gifts Olson Huff

Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52

Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Bell

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be shown in you and you in me?"

THE ENSEMBLE SINGS VERSES 2, 3 AND 4.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 126:1-6

Sermon "When We Were Like Those Who Dream" 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, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Offertory "Restoration" arr. Carter

***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.**