

***The Charge** (responsive)

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.**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Chibanzi” trad. Malawi
 (“Come, Let Us Walk This Road Together”)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

- We rejoice in sharing worship this morning with **First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, SC** in the midst of their Montreat Family Weekend!
- Masks—a necessity for all—and hand sanitizer are available. Please consider safe distancing in regard to seating and physical contact. Thank you for helping to make our worship together possible.
- A **hearing loop** is active; set hearing aid to ‘T-coil.’
- **Scripture passages** are from the NRSV. The **Morning Meditation** is from Ina Hughs, “A Prayer for Children,” in Hughs, *A Prayer for Children* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997), xv. The **Prayer of Confession** is reprinted with permission from Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*. The **Offertory** is from Robert Montgomery, ed., *Misakristoay A ’Amis - Songs of Amis Christians* (Hualien, Taiwan, 1966). The Communion **Prayer of Thanksgiving** is from John B. Rogers, “World Communion Sunday,” in Rogers, *With All Our Prayers* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015), 91-92.
- MPC is a congregation of the PC(USA), a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, an Earth Care congregation and a Living Wage certified employer.

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Anderson Auditorium, October 3, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Ina Hughs

*“We pray for children who want to be carried, and for those who must.
For those we never give up on, and for those who don’t have a chance.
For those we smother, and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer.”*

Ritual of Fellowship and Minutes for Mission

Nancy Midgette

Contributions for the Nickel-a-Meal offering to alleviate hunger may be placed in the soup cans by the doors after worship today, or given electronically via the Online Giving page at montreatchurch.org.

Prelude

“Loving Creator” Halad, Gaquiso (Philippines)
“O Sing to the Lord” trad. Brazil

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 8

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Hymn**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” Huber

**God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine,
wind and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.**

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayer*

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments
and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 437 (minister)

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Stewardship of God’s Gifts

Mari Gramling

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 8

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

“A Child’s Sense of Wonder”

Keith Grogg

Offertory

“Ta Ta Salikaka”
 (“Let us go on, Brothers and Sisters”)

Amis indigenous
(Taiwan)

Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People

William Pender

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.

***Hymn**

“Let Us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine...
Let us praise God...

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

John Rogers

The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Individual chalices with bread (gluten-free) and grape juice will be distributed.
As the basket is passed, the server may say, “The body and blood of Christ, for you.”
Please hold your individual chalice, and we will take the bread and wine together.

The Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
You have given us your Son,
who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service that our daily living
may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” Oxenham/Reinagle

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth.