

ENSEMBLE:

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose; every power as thou shalt choose.*

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne (...)**

***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** "Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated" Malan
piano improvisation

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Masks 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."

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Anderson Auditorium, October 31, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation John Calvin (1509-1564), paraph.
"Almighty God, since it has pleased you to preserve us by your grace through the night just ended and until this day, grant that we may use it entirely in your service, and that we may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will, so that all our actions may glorify your name and inspire our neighbors."

Chimes and Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude Chorale Prelude, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Pachelbel

Call to Worship (liturgist) Psalm 146

***Hymn 321** "The Church's One Foundation"

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

ENSEMBLE:

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is one:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayer*

O God, you have been faithful,
yet we have not always loved you with our whole hearts.
You taught us, and showed us how, to love our neighbors,
yet we have not loved them all as ourselves.
Turn us back to you, O God,
that we may follow your commandments,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Stewardship of God's Gifts Rusty Douglas

New Testament Reading Mark 12:28-34

The Sermon "Not Far from the Kingdom" Keith Grogg

Offertory "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Tallis
piano improvisation

Litany of Stewardship Dedication

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, Psalm 115:1
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

***Hymn 525** "Let Us Break Bread Together" African American Spiritual

ALL: 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.

ENSEMBLE: *Let us drink wine together on our knees...*

ALL: Let us praise God together on our knees...

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

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 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 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.*