

***Hymn 700 (1, 3, 4)** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” Spiritual

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time...

ENSEMBLE: *I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time...*

I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time...

***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?**

***Blessing**

***Postlude** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” Fleischer
**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Our faithfulness to each other and to God includes masking, distancing, vaccination and refraining from physical contact such as hugs and handshakes. Thank you for helping to make our worship together possible.

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Montreat, North Carolina

November 14, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Martin Luther King

“In this unfolding conundrum of life and history...this is a time for vigorous and positive action.”

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Introit

“Lord, Prepare Me”

Thompson/Scruggs

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 16/Hebrews 10

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope
without wavering, for the One who has promised is faithful.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

***Hymn 12 (1, 3, 4)**

“Immortal, Invisible”

W.C. Smith

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

**Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.**

**We follow after false leaders
and grasp for whatever security we can find.
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.**

**Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the signs
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Reading from the Old Testament Psalter

Psalm 16:5-11

***Hymn 39 (1, 2)**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Reading from the New Testament Epistles

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon

“What’s On the Other Side of the Curtain?”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

improvisation

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**