

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

**\*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**

“Soon and Very Soon” Andraé Crouch/arr. Schrader

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**A hearing loop is active;** set hearing aid to “T-coil.” 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 21, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

John Donne

*“...for I, except you enthrall me, never shall be free...”*

**Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship**

**Introit**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Bateman/MADRID

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

from Psalm 93

The LORD is king, robed in majesty. girded with strength;

**has established the world; it shall never be moved.**

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

**The floods have lifted up, O LORD,**

**the floods have lifted up their voice; they lift up their roaring.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

**Your decrees are very sure;**

**holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

**\*Hymn 265 (1, 4, 5)** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” Watts/DUKE STREET

**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

*Blessings abound where’er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

**Prayer of Confession** *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord,  
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.**

**You had nowhere to lay your head;  
we surround ourselves with comfort.**

**We expect to serve you with what remains  
after we have indulged our desires.**

**Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire  
to pick the times and places we will respond to our call.  
In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow,  
even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Old Testament Reading**

II Samuel 23:1-4

**\*Hymn 802 (1, 4, 6)** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Baker/Dykes

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

**And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

**Gospel Reading**

John 18:33-37

**Sermon** “Looking for Jesus, Seeing Like Pilate” 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** “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Peterson

**\*Prayer of Dedication and 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.**

**\*Hymn 268 (1, 2, 4)** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Bridges, Thring/Elvey

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**