

***Hymn 708 (1, 4)** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” How/Mason, Webb

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

***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** “The Heavens Are Telling the Lord’s Endless Glory” Haydn/
Beethoven
**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Today we are delighted to welcome the Rev. **Caroline Sell** as our guest preacher, and MPC member Dr. **Gayle Sawyer** as our guest musician! 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. **A hearing loop is active;** set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Freeland Hall, Montreat, North Carolina
The Service for the Lord’s Day
November 7, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation John Scotus Eriugena (c. 810–877)

“Every visible and invisible creature can be called a theophany, an appearance of the divine.”

Prelude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Roberson

Ritual of Fellowship

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

The earth is the Lord’s, the one who made it:

Come, let us worship God!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us worship God!

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us worship God!

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

***Hymn 35 (1, 3)** “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!

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, we want to be your humble, devoted followers.
We want to love our neighbors.
We want to serve others before we serve ourselves.
Yet we still find ourselves seeking the best seats
and looking for ways to be first in line.
Loosen our chains to success and achievement.
Help us to stop, sit, and watch,
so that we might notice who or what it is you have put before us.
In your Son's name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 415 (1, 4) "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Hart
Walker's *Southern Harmony*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 127 (The Message)

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Sermon

"Watching the Crowd"

The Rev. Caroline Sell

Prayers of the People

Eric Nichols

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

"Unless the Lord the House Shall Build"

Tillen
(Psalm 127)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen!**