

**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**UPPER ANDERSON, AUGUST 14, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditations**

Bernard of Clairvaux (c. 1122)

*“The walls of the church are aglow, but the poor of the church go hungry.”*

Eberhard Arnold (1883-1935)

*“The great agitation in the world of today makes it more and more urgent to gain inner strength in those quiet encounters with Christ that make it possible for us to remain under his rule and authority. Situated as we are in the midst of a world that is so terribly unpeaceful, we need constant nourishment for our inner life. In short, if we want to avoid suffering inward shipwreck in the storm of public opinion and chaos, then our hidden inner being needs daily the quiet haven of communion with God.”*

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Tallis/arr. Manz

**Ritual of Fellowship and Minute for Mission**

Hope for Tomorrow House

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 82:1-5, 8

The LORD has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**“How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

**\*Hymn 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison) *followed by silent prayer*

**God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care,  
our doubt of your providence,  
our blindness to signs of your love.  
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;  
we separate ourselves from you and from others  
and foster divisions between those you love.  
Help us to amend our lives  
and make us your faithful people  
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

**Reading from the Prophets**

Isaiah 5:1-7

**Hymn 724 (verses 1 and 4)**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**Reading from the Gospel**

Luke 12:49-56

**Hymn 718**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” Text: Charles Everest  
Music: Freeman Lewis/harmonization John Leon Hooker

**Reading from the Epistles**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**The Sermon**

Keith Grogg  
“Thirsting World, Fine Vineyard, Harvest Expectations”

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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 "We Walk By Faith" Samuel McFarland (1814)  
*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.

**\*Hymn 326**

“For All the Saints”

**\*The Charge**

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**

“Finale”

John Stanley

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**A hearing loop is active;** set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

**Scripture passages** are read from the New Revised Standard Version (from which the Isaiah passage is modified with alternate, but still literal, translations).

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