

**\*Hymn 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**\*The Charge**

Matthew 17:5-7

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,

**“This is my Son, the Beloved;  
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”**

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

**“Get up and do not be afraid.”**

**\*Sung Response**

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Ambrose

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**Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above,  
and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit’s cloudless ray.**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

“Come Down, O Love Divine” Improv. on DOWN AMPNEY

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Morning Meditation**

II Peter 1:19

*“So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.  
You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,  
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Irish, arr. Hopson

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

Souper Bowl Offering

**Introit**

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Vajda

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 99

The LORD is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

**Let us praise the great and awesome name of the LORD.**

Extol the LORD and worship at God’s holy mountain;

**for the LORD our God is holy.**

**\*Hymn 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**New Member Welcome**

**Call to Confession**

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

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,  
yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance.  
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, we pray,  
that we may live and move in your ways and be happy in your refuge.  
In Jesus our savior's name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung Response** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" Ambrose  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;  
O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining.

**Reading from the Old Testament** Exodus 24:12-18

**Taizé Hymn 842** "The Lord Is My Light"  
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust; in God, I trust.

**Introduction of Pastoral Visitor** Lynn Bledsoe

**Reading from the Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

**Choral Anthem** "Humbly I Adore Thee" ADORO TE DEVOTE/Schweizer  
*Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hiddest, 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee  
surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.  
Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the  
veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth  
I hold. Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word  
foretold; face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.*

**Reading from the New Testament Epistles** II Peter 1:16-19

**The Sermon** "As to a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place" Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People 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.

**Offertory** "Beautiful Savior" arr. Wood

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (responsive) from The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.  
**Jesus expressed the love of God in word and deed  
and became a sibling to all kinds of sinful people.**

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,**  
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
**atonement by a priest;**  
again it is ransom of a slave,  
**payment of debt,**  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,  
**and victory over the powers of evil.**

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory  
in the depths of God's love for humankind.

**They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement  
of God's reconciling work.  
The risen Christ is the savior of all people.**