

\*Hymn 741

“Guide My Feet”

\*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

Intonation on Schönster Herr Jesu

arr. Bender

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Masks** are available and advisable. A **hearing loop** is active; switch hearing aid to T-coil (signal is strongest nearer the walls). **Personal amplification systems, large print bulletins, and chairs with arm rests** are available.

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

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Morning Meditation**

F. Buechner (1926-2022)

*“After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness  
where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus.*

*During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

“Variations on a Hymn for Lent”

arr. Chambless

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Introit 735**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Hawks/Lowry

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my savior—I come to thee!  
I need thee every hour, stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.*

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 32:6, 11

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to the LORD;  
**At a time of distress,  
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**  
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*Hymn 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

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

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.  
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,  
denying your providence and care  
and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace,  
feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison 577** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 604**

“Lamb of God”

**Reading from the Psalter**

Psalms 32:1-7

**Choral Anthem**

“Appalachian Lord’s Prayer”

Sowash

*Beloved God, beyond the mountains, 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. Deliver us, we pray, from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, the power of morning,  
the sunset glory, now and forever more. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**\*Hymn 729**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

**The Sermon**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Keith Grogg

**Taize Hymn 466**

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

**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**

“Distress”

arr. Cassler

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**