

SUMMER WORSHIP
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER
August 7, 2022
10:30 a.m.



GATHERING

Voluntary

“...and call her blessed...”

D. Locklair

The composer writes, “In this [piece], the Woman represents Godly love, reflecting Proverbs 31:28 “Her children arise up, and call her blessed...’). The continuous circular melody of this movement symbolizes the eternal truth that ‘God is love’.”

Opening Sentences

We praise you, O God!

We will sing our songs of joy this day and in all the days to come!

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth
that you made and sustain.

Our voices join in praise with all creation:

with the sea that roars,

the trees that clap their hands,

and the birds that sing in joy.

We praise you, O God! We praise you!

You shower us with your hope;

you provide for us everything we need.

You are steadfast and keep your promises every day.

We praise, O God! We praise you!

*Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Confession and Pardon

O Lord our God,
You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity,
yet we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You have provided more than enough for all creation to thrive,
yet we live in a world where some have in abundance
while others fight for sustenance.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
yet we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
yet we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

silent prayer

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Friends, trust and believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

What is our only comfort in life and in death? *Adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism*

**That we are not our own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? *Adapted from Romans 8:38-39*

**Neither life, nor death,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Hymn 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

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 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.**

Offerings of community life, tithes and gifts, and music

My hands are your hands, to pray and to serve,
to do works of justice, to heal where there is hurt,
to touch the untouchable as God did in the flesh.
Greater works you said we'll do, if in your name we'll ask.

M. Roger Holland II

*I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God,
keep my hand on the gospel plow, never gonna stop.
I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God;
I'm gonna build it up until I get home.*

My feet are your feet, to go where you please,
clothed in your righteousness with the gospel of peace.
I'll run and not get weary, walk and not faint,
strengthened by your Spirit to run this Christian race.

My tongue is your tongue to speak your holy word,
spreading the gospel, to bless and not curse,
to sing with the angels their song from above.
I dedicate my life to you, an offering of love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Benediction and Charge

music: J. Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the face of God shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The countenance of God be a light to shine upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Assisting in Worship:

Richard DuBose, President, Montreat Conference Center

Anna Carter Florence, Columbia Theological Seminary

Keith Grogg, Pastor, Montreat Presbyterian Church

David Carter Florence, Associate Pastor, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

Ann Laird Jones, Director of Arts Ministry, Montreat

John McCrosky, Summer Ministry Team

Ethan Neal, Summer Staff Music Intern

Alec Peters, Summer Worship Team

Hannah Garrity, Artist-in-Residence

Eric Wall, Conference Center Musician

BULLETIN INSERT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. Each Sunday morning in the summer season, the community gathers to worship the living God in prayer, proclamation, art, and song. Everyone is invited to join this holy gathering. This summer we welcome the congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church as they join us in worship.



THIS MORNING'S OFFERING supports the worship ministry of Montreat Conference Center. Online gifts can be made using the QR code. Members of Montreat Presbyterian Church and Black Mountain Presbyterian Church may designate their regular contributions to those congregations by using the printed envelopes available in the lobby.

SUMMER SINGERS are back this year! This choir is formed from the Montreat Summer Staff. This year's Summer Staff music intern is Ethan Neal.

HEARING LOOP: Anderson Auditorium is equipped with a hearing loop. To use this technology, a hearing aid must be set to "T." For best results, sit in sections closest to the walls.

CHILDCARE: for children six months of age through completed kindergarten is available today at the Updike Building from 10:15 a.m. until fifteen minutes after worship.

SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 a.m. in the Galax Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$17.00 for adults (12+) and \$8.50 for children (5-11).

A portion of the Prayer of Thanksgiving is a womanist version used at Grace Cathedral at a Beyoncé Mass, written by the Rev. Yolanda Norton. Notice how this version of the Lord's Prayer uses *sustenance* and *community*, which thematically fit with today's text.

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us, we call upon your names. Your wisdom come. Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell. Give us each day sustenance and perseverance. Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others. Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen..

Final Montreat Summer Hymn Sing, this evening at 7pm!

Please join for our final summer hymn sing this evening **in Convocation Hall at Assembly Inn, 7pm. Vivian Hare and Keith Grogg** return from Sabbatical to lead our hymn-sing this evening. We hope you will make plans to join us!