

**SUMMER WORSHIP | MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**June 2, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.**

**Mark 2:23-3:6**

***"I Don't Want No Trouble"; Jesus just wants to feed the hungry and heal the sick, not cause any trouble.***

**GATHERING**

**Opening Song and Sentences**

**<sup>1</sup> Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.**

**<sup>2</sup> Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow;  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

Your love and justice shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

**Hymn 32      I Sing the Might Power of God      ELLA COMBE**

**<sup>1</sup> I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.**

**The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!**

**3 There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.**

**\*Confession and Pardon**

May God be among us throughout this day.

**Amen.**

May Christ be beside us throughout this day.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day.

**Amen.**

God of life, you are the source of all love  
and the satisfaction of all our desires.

Our understanding of you is small:

**increase it.**

Our desire to do your will is weak:

**enliven it.**

The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit:

**ripen it.**

But first, create in us clean hearts,  
as, in your sight,

we unburden ourselves of guilt,

of anger,

of fear,

of pride,

of hardness of heart,

of weakness of intention.

### ***silent prayers***

These are the words of Jesus. They are strong and true:

“I have come that you may have life in all its fullness.”

“Go in peace; your sins are forgiven.”

“Come, each one, and follow me.”

May we live as forgiven people,  
visibly different, gloriously free,  
for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

### **\*Hymn 582**

### **GLORY TO GOD**

#### **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

- 1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

**<sup>2</sup> World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**Mark 2:23-3:6**

**One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."**

**Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse**

him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount**

**“I Don’t Want No Trouble”**

**\*Hymn 610**

**AZMON**

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**  
*choir singing Spanish and Korean,*

*followed by congregation singing English stanzas*

- <sup>1</sup> O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace.**
- <sup>2</sup> The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner’s ears, bring life, and health, and peace.**
- <sup>3</sup> Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

**4 My gracious Master and my God, assist to me  
proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.**

**5 To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever  
given by saints below and saints above, the  
church in earth and heaven.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)                      *Confession of 1967***

**God's sovereign love is a mystery**

**beyond the reach of the human mind.**

**We ascribe to God superlatives of power,**

**wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ**

**by showing power in the form of a servant,**

**wisdom in the folly of the cross,**

**and goodness in receiving sinful people.**

**The power of God's love in Christ**

**to transform the world**

**discloses that the Redeemer**

**is the Lord and Creator**

**who made all things**

**to serve the purpose of his love.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Hymn 752: Dona Nobis Pacem**

choir (Hebrew and Arabic), then congregation (Latin)

***Latin: Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.***

## **Offerings**

### **Commissioning of Summer Staff and Volunteers**

All of us together with Christ are one body,  
and we all belong to each other.

**We have different gifts according to the grace God has  
given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's word,  
**speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service,  
**live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,  
**teach what is true.**

There is one body and one Spirit,  
**one Lord, one faith,**  
one baptism, one God,  
**who is above all and through all and in all.**

### **Commissioning Prayer**

#### **Anthem and Offering**

**anthem by Mark Miller**

**Hearts open, minds awake,  
change us now for heaven's sake.  
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.  
Show us how to love.**

**Hearts open, souls awake,  
rules we made we now must break.  
With our very lives at stake  
we must learn how to love.**

**Eyes open, shocked awake,  
much to learn from our mistakes.  
Draw us closer in our heartache.  
Show us how to love.**

**\*Hymn 647**

**Give Thanks**

**GIVE THANKS**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say,  
"We are strong"; let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"**

**And now let the weak say,  
"We are strong"; let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**



# SENDING

**\*Hymn 700**

**I'M GONNA LIVE**

## **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**\*Benediction and Charge**

**\*Voluntary**

**Dan Locklair**

**"...let God's work your pleasure be"**



***Assisting in Worship:***

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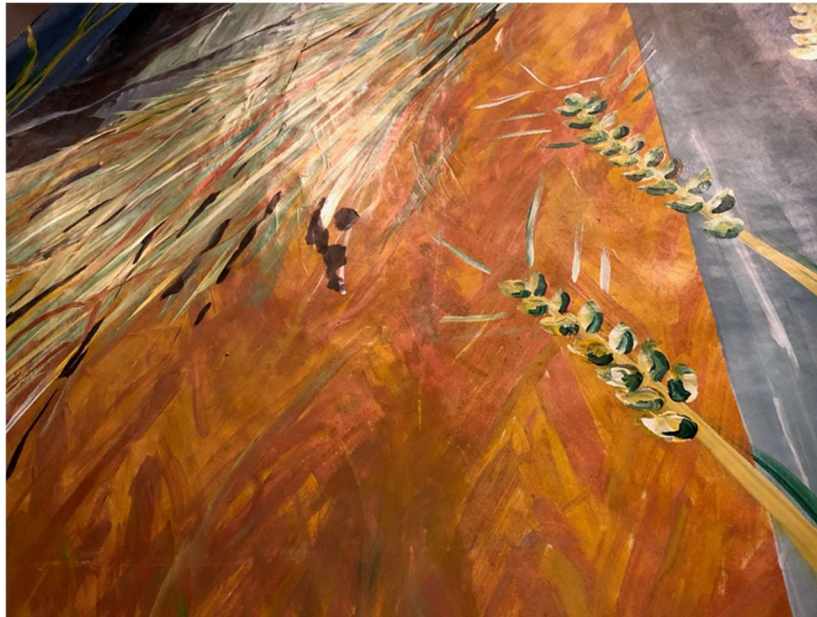
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## **ARTIST'S STATEMENT**



***“On a Day of Resting, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and his followers were walking through a field of grain. The men were hungry, so as they walked they plucked some grain to eat.”  
(Mark 2:23, FNV)***

**Make it available. Painted on paper with acrylic paint, this portrayal of the harvest imagines one of the disciples gathering the grain. The brush strokes in the foreground are bigger and more realistic, as they recede, the grain stalks are smaller and become more like the texture of the background.**

**The wheat field offers a sense of endless abundance here, yet the religious leader sets exclusionary rules. In our present day, fencing the table is one such exclusionary tactic. The Incarnate God reminds us in this text that God is not a part of these exclusionary concepts, God is calling us to the endless repetition of the wheat disappearing into the distance: the endless repetition of welcome, of abundance, of healing love, of Sabbath rest.**

***“Human beings were not made for the Day of Resting. Instead the Day of Resting was made for human beings. So, then, the True Human Being is Chief over the Day of Resting.” (Mark 2:27-28, FNV)***

### **WELCOME TO SUMMER WORSHIP IN MONTREAT**

**All have a home here as the family of God. In praise and prayer, joy and lament, scripture and preaching, arts and imagination, we are nourished by the sustaining grace and love of God offered to everyone. Montreat is glad to welcome the congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings this summer.**

**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.**

**THIS MORNING’S OFFERING supports the worship ministry of Montreat Conference Center. Offerings may be placed in the**

**offering basket or made electronically at [www.montreat.org/SWO](http://www.montreat.org/SWO). 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.**

**USHERS: We are grateful to this morning's ushers from Montreat Presbyterian Church.**

**HYMNALS: Congregational songs are found in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, located at the ends of the pews.**

**AFTER WORSHIP You are invited to greet our preacher, Dr. Bryan Blount, in front of the stage after worship. Dr. Blount is the President Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA and a long-time friend of Montreat Conference Center.**

**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).**

**HYMN SINGS begin on Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Eric Wall, Conference Center Musician in Montreat and the Gene Alice Sherman Associate Professor of Sacred Music and Dean of the Chapel at Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. He has previously served FPC-Asheville, NC.**

**SUMMER WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM meets each week to review and plan the Summer Worship services. The team includes Richard DuBose, Hannah Garrity, Lynn Gilliland, Keith Grogg, Ann Laird Jones, Alec Peters, Kathy Russ, Carol Steele, and Eric Wall.g**