



GATHERING

Introit

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and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes**

**(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)**

**how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?**

**(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)**

***Prayer of the Day**

***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.**

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

***Confession and Pardon**

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
Forgive us.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
Heal us.

Silence

Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
Restore us.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

There is Good News today!
We're forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Sing Glory to the Name of God

- 1 Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.
Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 9:1-9, 7-20

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Bob Henderson

RESPONDING

***Hymn 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am TAKE, O TAKE
 Take, O take me as I am;
 summon out what I shall be;
 set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the
scriptures,**

that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day,

and that he appeared first to the women,

**then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
 then to many faithful witnesses, and then to us.
 We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
 the Son of the living God.
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
 the beginning and the end;
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Hymn 416

O Come Unto the Lord

KOREA

refrain sung by all; stanza sung by choir



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 Eo seo dol a o o. Eo seo dol a man o o.
 O come un-to the Lord; O come back to the Lord.

Our Savior is waiting your return both night and day. Jesus anxiously awaits you, with door kept open wide, as one who waits throughout the night for a lost child to come back home.

No matter how burdened and how beaten you may be, the Lord will comfort you greatly with hands that touch and heal. Come unto Christ, who loves you so. Please come home; please come back home.

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.

Offerings

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Christ has no body now but yours

text by Teresa of Ávila
music by Michaela English

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this
world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

SENDING

***Hymn 747 Sent Out in Jesus' Name ENVIADO**

**¹ The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

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with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

**³ The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

***Benediction and Charge**

***Voluntary Paean Peter Hurford
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**



Assisting in Worship:

**Bob Henderson, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church,
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WELCOME TO SUMMER WORSHIP IN MONTREAT

All have a home here in the worship of the living God. In praise and prayer, joy and lament, scripture and preaching, arts and imagination, we come to be nourished by the sustaining grace and love of God offered to all people.

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 the best result, 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 15 minutes after worship.

THIS MORNING’S OFFERING supports the worship ministry of Montreat Conference Center. Offerings may be placed in the plate or made online at 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 (blue for Montreat Presbyterian Church, white for Black Mountain Presbyterian Church).

USHERS and SERVERS: We are grateful to this morning’s ushers from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and communion servers from Montreat Presbyterian Church.

AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, Rev. Bob Henderson, in front of the stage after worship. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in economics and religion from Furman University, Dr. Henderson received his Master of Divinity degree from

Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained March 12, 1989. Bob moved to Covenant from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, N.C., where he served as senior pastor 1993 to 2008. Prior to Westminster, Bob was associate pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia from 1988-1993.

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 are on Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Bekah Caruso who is a retired Coordinator of Children's Choirs (5!) and Director of the 2nd-3rd grade choir at FPC-Nashville, TN. Her husband, Bill, is retired Director of Adult Education at the same church and will lead the singing. Longtime Montreaters, they now live in Black Mountain and are members of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, where they sing in the choir.

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

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

“Who are you, Lord?” (Acts 9:5) In our own times, on our own road, in our own blindness, what is the answer for us today? The purple and violet colors around the banners and on the table and pulpit honor the grandeur, regality, and mystery of God. Especially noticeable are these ordinary moments right before the extraordinary miracles of God. These paperlace images reflect the story of Saul, on his ordinary workday, being called to a new life of faith. Standing back-to-back, the curves in the banners push against one another, religion against religion. The road at the bottom of the banners leads to the city where Paul will engage in discipleship and the *building* of the church, rather than its destruction. Saul is imaged with his eyes wide open, yet still not able to see what is before him. The people with him are represented with eyes closed, unable to see Jesus speaking to Saul. Originally created for the Worship and Music conference in 2017, the curves depict the steadfast and continuous love of God. It is God’s continuing presence that brings healing and forgiveness.

–Artist, Hannah Garrity