



\*Asterisks invite us to rise in spirit or body.

**Words in bold** are for all to say or sing.

## **GATHERING**

**\*Opening Song and Sentences**

***Glory to God 822***

***A Brief Statement of Faith***

Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Él vi - vi - mos, y si mor - i - mos,

pa-ra Él mo - ri - mos. Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu -

ra - mos, so-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.

In life and in death,

**we belong to God.**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Hymn**            Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah            CWM RHONDDA

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my  
journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

## **\*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...

*silent prayers*

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

**Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**<sup>1</sup> 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 1:14-20

- <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God**
- <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”**
- <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.**
- <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”**
- <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.**
- <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.**

**<sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.**

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Repeat After Me”

The Rev. Sarah Johnson

## **RESPONDING**

### **\*Song and Affirmation**

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

In a broken and fearful world,

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,**  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In life and in death,  
**we belong to God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*choir in Korean, all in English*



God is our help, ref-uge, and strength. In trou-bling times, we will not fear.

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God is our help, ref-uge, and strength. In trou-bling times, we will not fear.

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**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.**

## COMMISSIONING

Today, we join the 2025 Summer Staff and Volunteers in being commissioned for service in this and every place. The liturgy is adapted from the *Book of Common Worship* and *A Wee Worship Book*.

Together with Christ,

**we are one body.**

Is it true that God loves the world?

**Amen. This is true.**

Is it true that God loves all people?

**Amen. This is true.**

Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

**Amen. This is true.**

From where we are to where God needs us,

**Jesus, lead us on.**

From what we know to the wonder of what God will reveal,

**Jesus, lead us on.**

To help transform this world into your new creation,

**Jesus, lead us on.**

## Offerings

Get On Board                      African-American spiritual | arr. Andre Thomas

**Get on board, little children; get on board today.**

**Get on board, little children; there's room for many a more.**

**The Gospel train is coming; I hear it just at hand.**

**I hear the car wheels moving and rumbling through the land.**

**I hear that train a-comin'; she's comin' round the curve.**

**She's loosened all her steam and brakes and  
straining every nerve.**

**The fare is cheap and all can go; the rich and poor  
are there.**

**No second class aboard this train, no difference in  
the fare.**

**\*Hymn**

When We Are Living

PUES SI VIVIMOS

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**
- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**



## SENDING

### **\*Hymn**

Christ Be Beside Me

PUES SI VIVIMOS

- <sup>1</sup> Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**
- <sup>2</sup> Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**
- <sup>3</sup> Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.**

### **\*Benediction and Charge**

### **\*Voluntary**

“The people respond – Amen!”

Dan Locklair



## 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 Conference Center is glad to welcome the congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings this summer.**

## **ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**John Curran, 2025 Summer Ministry Team**

**Richard DuBose, Montreat Conference Center  
President**

**Hannah Garrity, Artist in Residence**

**The Reverend Sarah Johnson, New York Avenue  
Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C.**

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**Carol Steele, Montreat Conference Center Vice-  
President for Program**

**Eric Wall, Conference Center Musician**

**Allison Wehrung, Montreat Director for Programs  
Summer Singers**

**AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, Rev. Sarah Johnson, in front of the stage after worship. Reverend Johnson is the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.**

**SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 A.M. in the Galax Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$19.00 for adults (12+) and \$9.50 for children (5-11).**

**HYMN SINGS begin this Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Eric Wall, Conference Center Musician in Montreat and the new Director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.**

## **ARTIST'S STATEMENT**

**“<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God...” (Mark 1:14, NRSVUE) εὐαγγέλιον means the good news. In an era when Christianity is being co-opted for political power (an historical pattern since at least the Council of Nicea), and words and concepts that Jesus never promoted are being placed under his authorship, the word εὐαγγέλιον, here translated “good news” is worth a second look. This is not just a sweet metaphor, becoming fishers of people, and it is not a soul saving venture either, racking up the numbers of the “saved.” Jesus is proclaiming that the reign of heaven is near. βασιλεία, the reign, an era of time when God’s justice prevails. “Now after John was arrested...” (Mark 1:14, NRSVUE)**

**Jesus stands by the cross, the nets at dropped at his feet. Originally created by artist Steve Prince, Jesus is holding a fish with the face of a human. After worship, come on up to the stage and get a closer look. Like εὐαγγέλιον, this hand carved wood cut deserves a closer look!**

**A few summers ago, the tennis nets by the BWYC were being replaced here in Montreat. They were rolled up in a back room and offered to us on their way to the dump. I could barely carry the three we inherited to the studio, they were so heavy. It turns out that once you cut the**

**white corded part off the top of the net it is light, easy to work with, rolls well, puddles well on the floor. In this text, the nets are forgotten amidst the call of God to join in Her work of justice.**

**Herein lies the metaphor, “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee... saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.’” (Mark 1:14-15, NRSVUE) The nets are cut, lighter, left behind—God’s reign is here. Look about, here among us—look within, here within us—the reign of God has come near. It does not look or feel like what I was expecting. How about you? —Hannah Garrity, Artist**

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