



SUMMER WORSHIP  
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

August 3, 2025, 10:30 a.m.  
Anderson Auditorium

GATHERING

\*Opening Sentences

Psalm 126:1-3, 6

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then we were like those who dream.  
**Then our mouths were filled with laughter,**  
**and our tongues with joyful shouts.**

The Lord has done great things for us.  
**We will rejoice!**

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of gladness.  
**Those who go out weeping will come in with songs of joy.**

\*Hymn 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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Confession and Pardon

Matt. 3:2-3

A voice is crying out in the wilderness:  
"Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near."

*Silence*

For failing to love others as you have loved us...  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For keeping silent when you call us to proclaim your good news...

For fearing those who are strange to us  
and ignoring those in need...

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .

For all the ways we turn from you . . .

*Water is poured.*

Friends, believe the Good News!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to Summer  
Worship in Montreat.

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

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

Communion is celebrated  
in worship today. The  
table is open to all.

\*Hymn 582    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me    GLORY TO GOD

\*Peace

Col. 3:15

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

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture    Isaiah 61:1-4

Luke 4:16-21

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    “What Are We Doing Here?”

The Reverend Jessica Tate

\*Affirmation

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

**You create our world and give us life.**

**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us.**

**You are God.**

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

**You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved**

**your love for us in Jesus Christ,**

**who lived and died and rose again.**

**You are with us now.**

**You are God.**

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God.

**We worship you.**

\*Hymn 74    When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

from A Liturgical  
Affirmation—A New  
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Karakia Mihinare o  
Aotearoa (The Anglican  
Church in Aotearoa, New  
Zealand and Polynesia,  
1997).

This poignant and  
powerful hymn is based  
on Psalm 126. The tune is  
known to us from another  
hymn based on Psalm 23;  
the tune’s resonances  
from that hymn form a  
conversation with this  
hymn we sing today.

## EUCCHARIST

### Offerings and Invitations

You can hold my hand when you need to let go.   Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna  
I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low.                      Brandi Carlisle  
I can be a streetlight showing you the way home,  
if you hold my hand when you need to let go.  
I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able,  
and bring us back together when the day is done.  
If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seed,  
plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.  
If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap.  
If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds.

The door is always open, your picture's on the wall;  
everyone's a little broken, and everyone belongs.

I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world, for we all are able,  
and bring us back together when the day is done.

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

### Breaking, Pouring, and Serving

Beloved, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer after Communion

This heartfelt song pulls us toward the Lord's table, a place crowded with saints and with room and nourishment for all.

The Lord's Prayer may be said in any version or language of the heart.

We receive the gift of bread and cup by exiting pews to the left, then coming forward to meet the servers at the end of the aisle. When you receive bread, dip it in the cup, then return to the opposite side of the pew. All bread is gluten-free; all cups contain grape juice. Servers present in the auditorium will bring the elements to you if you desire.

## SENDING

\*Hymn 549 May the Love of the Lord

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\*Benediction and Charge

\*Voluntary Epilogue

Norman Grayson, composer

This lovely benediction hymn's story may be noted at the bottom of the hymnal page. The hymn sets the Aaronic blessing in expansive language and music.

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