



**SUMMER WORSHIP
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

**June 14, 2026 10:30 a.m.
Anderson Auditorium**

GATHERING

Introit

John L. Bell, composer

Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in gray.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
the Maker, the Son, the Spirit together –
they called me to life and call me their friend.

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 7:9-10, 12, 17

From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
**The power to make all things new belongs to our God,
and to the Lamb!**

For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellspring of life-giving water.
And God will wipe away all tears.

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
Honor and power and might be to our God forever! Amen!

***Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
*choir singing stanza 1 in Spanish and Korean
then all singing stanzas 1 – 5 in English*

AZMON

A morning song from Scotland begins our worship today. Its Trinitarian span sings of the accompanying presence of Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Its imagery reminds us that whether morning is gold or gray, God's glory is there.

This hymn by Charles Wesley is testimony; it was written for the anniversary of his own conversion experience. As befits the evocation of multiple tongues, our hymnal offers the opening stanza in multiple languages.

*Confession and Pardon

Luke 7:20, 22

Our confession this morning is rooted in the commands we know well from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.

Holy God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul and strength and mind.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, forgive us.

Holy God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors
as we love ourselves.

Silence

Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, forgive us.

Holy God, we confess that we have not done justice,
loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, forgive us.

Forgive us, O God, and deliver us from our sin,
that we may walk in your way and delight in your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

*Peace

Luke 7:48-50

The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

*Affirmation

*A Liturgical Affirmation of the Anglican Church
in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

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.

Prayers of the People

music: Hymn 752

Dona nobis pacem.

שִׁים שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ
רִבְּהֵינָּהּ שְׁלָמָא תָּאמָא.
رَبِّهِنَا السَّلَامُ .

Give us peace.

Offerings

Walk together, children,
don't you get weary –
there's a great camp-meeting in the promised land.

African-American spiritual

Sing together...
Work together...

This affirmation, like many others, is in Trinitarian form. Its language of prayer offers trust in who God is and what God does.

This gentle song is a beloved plea for peace. In our hymnal, *Glory to God*, three languages offer the prayer: Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic.

This exuberant spiritual exhorts God's people to journey in community. Like a similar hymn we sang last week, it calls on different modes of acting as people of faith: walking, singing, working.

*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

*Hymns 701 and 702 Lord, Prepare Me
Christ Be Beside Me

SANCTUARY
BUNESSAN

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary Toccata in C (pedal solo)
We Are One in the Spirit

J. S. Bach
arr. Wilbur Held

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

Sometimes two hymns are better than one. These two share a page in *Glory to God*; both make a prayer that is a fitting response to today's gospel text.

Organists do a kind of "walking" in pedal playing. The voluntary pairs the pedal solo in Bach's Toccata in C with an arrangement of "We Are One in the Spirit."

Assisting in Worship

Richard DuBose, President, Montreat Conference Center
The Reverend Dr. Richard Hong, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Englewood, NJ
The Reverend Mary Katherine Robinson, Pastor, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
Summer Ministry Team: John Curran, Michaela English, James Blackwelder
Summer Singers
Eric Wall, Conference Center Musician
The Reverend Allison Wehrung, Director for Programs

Sources

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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.

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 two years of age through completed kindergarten is available today at the Updike Building from 10:15 a.m. until fifteen minutes after the conclusion of 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. 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 Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

HYMNALS: Congregational songs are found in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, located at the ends of the pews. Large-print bulletins include all hymn lyrics.

AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, the Reverend Richard Hong, in front of the stage after worship. Rev. Hong is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, New Jersey. Prior to entering ministry, he ran his own software consultancy, writing computer programs for research scientists in the pharmaceutical industry.

SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 a.m. in the McKay Belk Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$19.00 for adults (12+) and \$9.50 for children (5-11).

HYMN SINGS continue this Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Ted Stewart, interim music director at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa.

Artist's Statement



Have you felt alone recently? Do you know someone who does? Alone surrounded by thousands, millions. Alone scrolling social media feeds. Alone in your political perspective. Alone in grief. Alone while your kids play in the puddles. There seems to be a lot of loneliness these days.

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask God of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matt 9:37-38, NRSVUE)

Represented on inexpensive brown construction paper from Lowe's and painted with acrylic paint (a medium that is affordable and accessible to the masses), these banners reiterate that laboring in the trust of God belongs to every walk of life. On the right banner, God's presence permeates the harvest, reiterated by the Hebrew saying, “I am.” It is the conjugation of the verb “to be” which is used in Exodus 3:14, from whence our understanding of God as the great I AM comes.

God is. God needs you. You are not alone in the labor for the divine. Step up. Lean in. Join the laborer imaged on the banner to the left side of the chancel. She needs you, for God's grain is forever maturing. Trust God and join in for the harvest. Belonging comes in the holy labor.

– Artist, Hannah Garrity