

SUMMER WORSHIP

June 26, 2022

10:30 a.m.



MONTREAT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
(USA)

GATHERING

Invitation

C. H. Johnson

Meet me here, won't you meet me here
where the old fence ends and the horizon begins?
There's a balm in the silence like an understanding air
where the old fence ends and the horizon begins.
We've been walking through the darkness on this long, hard climb,
carried ancestral sorrow for too long a time.
Will you lay down your burden, lay it down, come with me?
It will never be forgotten, held in love so tenderly.

*Opening Sentences

Psalms 119:137- 144

You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.
You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.
Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

*Hymn 402

How Lovely Lord

MERLE'S TUNE

Confession and Pardon

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

For wasting your gifts and hoarding your goods...
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...
God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ,
the One who saves us.

Hymn 792: There Is a Balm in Gilead
all singing refrain

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Peace

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

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 19:1-1

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus and the Deplorable

Scott Black Johnston

We belong to God;
we belong to God.

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**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 822

When We Are Living/Pues si vivimos

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Spanish: congregation singing last line only

English: congregation singing all stanzas

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 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

Of community life; tithes and gifts; and music

Meet me here,
won't you meet me here
where the old fence ends and the horizon begins?
There's a joy in the singing like an understanding air
where the old fence ends and the horizon begins.
Then we'll come to the mountain, we'll go bounding to see
that great circle of dancing, and we'll dance endlessly.
And we'll dance with all the children who've been lost along the way.
We will welcome each other, coming home this glorious day.
We are home in the mountain, and we'll gently understand
that we've been friends forever, that we've never been alone.
We'll sing on through any darkness and our song will be our sight.
We can learn to offer praise again, coming home to the light.

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SENDING

*Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary

Great Day!

A. Hailstork

Assisting in Worship:

Richard DuBose, President, Montreat Conference Center
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