

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
July 5, 2020
The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. It will be posted on the church's Facebook page, You Tube, and the church's website, <http://mpchurch.net>. Please check for an email from the church for links to the recorded service. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

Welcome and Announcements

- The Elder for July is Jim Ryan, 513-791-2499.
- The Deacon for July is Sue Rose, 513-532-3794.

Opening Scripture

Romans 7:24-25

Who will save us from the ways of death?

Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!

Hymn *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

*When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.*

Opening Prayer

O God, light of the hearts that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
to turn from you is to fall,
to return to you is to rise,
and to abide in you is to stand fast forever.
Although we are unworthy to approach you,
or to ask anything of you,
grant us your grace and blessing
for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Now testify to us, O God,

by the voice of your Spirit.
Put your law in our hearts,
write your word in our minds,
and show your will in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the word of our God endures forever.
Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Holy Manna

Reading from Romans

Romans 17:15-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson

Invitation to the Sacrament of Communion

Breaking of Bread and Preparation of the Cup

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.

Benediction and Dismissal

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the People say: AMEN

Postlude

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies