



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 31, 2019 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Plating, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 27 and Nehemiah 9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.

* Hymn of praise

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied.

Refrain: Oh rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you’ve made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond’rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God." Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?
God, the Just, his wrath forbears, me the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desp'rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2

Leader: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

All: **For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**

* Hymn of assurance

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

continued

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740

* **Scripture reading from Mark 14:66-72**

text printed in the bulletin

Meg Jacobs (9:30)

Ed Salter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Peter's Spiritual Collapse"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882

* **Benediction**

* **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Amy Barham – vocalist
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola
Sam Miller – violin

Jakob Paddy – vocalist
Melanie Ray – vocalist
Chapman Whitted – guitar
Jackson Whitted – piano

Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. ⁶⁸But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. ⁶⁹When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." ⁷⁰Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." ⁷²Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

SERMON NOTES
"Peter's Spiritual Collapse"
Mark 14:66-72

1. The gradual progression toward spiritual collapse (Mark 8:29-33, 14:27-31)
 - revealing a shallow understanding of the human heart (Jer. 17:9)

2. The grief-filled moment of spiritual collapse (vv. 66-72)
 - from "You are the Christ!" to "I don't know the man!"

3. The gracious restoration from spiritual collapse (John 21:15-17)
 - revealing the profound depths of God's mercy

BIG IDEA: God's mercy is greater than our biggest failures!

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the form at lmpc.org/easter-flowers or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is this Wednesday, April 3, by 12:00 noon.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT OPEN REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Tuesday, April 9 in the LMPC Reception Room.

- LMPC families register from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Community members register from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Early arrivals will be given a number to keep track of arrival time. Space is limited. If a spot is available, a non-refundable registration fee is due at time of registration. Fee may be paid by cash or check.

THE LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS AND GUYS RETREATS will take place this Friday-Saturday, April 5-6. The cost is \$15, which includes dinner and breakfast. Please RSVP to margaret@lmpc.org by this Tuesday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m. You can find more information at lmpc.org/youth.

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, FROM 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., we will host a church work day led by the deacons but open to all volunteers. Bring gloves, wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, and rakes! We'll be pruning bushes, hauling debris, and spreading pine straw and mulch.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE at lmpc.org/holy-week-2019, April 14-21. Make plans to join us as we walk through Jesus' final days, death, and resurrection together in worship.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HEDGEHOG GROVE

Volunteers are needed for Hedgehog Grove on Friday, April 12 from 5:15- 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in preparing food dishes or serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive our weekly news email

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's
 - women's
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes No

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

PHONE DAY EVENING

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

I AM A:

- First time visitor
- Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 31

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs	<i>Brian Salter's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

Nursery is available at all morning services.

Children of any age are welcome to participate in worship services. Crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon are available in the fellowship hall lobby.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.