



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*  
*Raymond Henry*

## Welcome and greetings

Len Teague, pastor of children and youth

## \* 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.**

## \* Hymn of praise 15, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

*"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"*

## \* Prayer of adoration

## \* Affirmation of faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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"

1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?  
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

God, the Just, his wrath for - bears, me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So  
Let me now my sins de - plore, look to you and sin no more.

man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,  
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,

mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.  
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con - demned 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 520**, vv. 1, 2, 4 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

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

**Offertory** "The Meditations of My Heart" Chancel Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.

Lord my rock, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord my God and Redeemer.

*text based on Psalm 19:14, music by Elaine Hagenberg, 2017*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from Mark 14:66-72**  
*p. 1582 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Olivia Oster (9:30)  
Tom West (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"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of adult discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 460**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 "Amazing Grace"

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude** "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"  
*J. Bert Carlson*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director, piano    **Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

## 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](http://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](mailto:margaret@lmpc.org) by this Tuesday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m. You can find more information at [lmpc.org/youth](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:emily@lmpc.org).

## Mark 14:66-72

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. <sup>68</sup>But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. <sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." <sup>70</sup>Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." <sup>72</sup>Immediately 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!

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, March 31*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; 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 &amp; 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 narthex and at the front of the sanctuary.

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

If you are new to LMPC, haven't contacted us for a while, or want to get more involved here, please fill out a welcome card from the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it passes.

## OUR MISSION

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

## CONTACT US

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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.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.