



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 18, 2019 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you to share important information with us. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you **silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship** so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

**CHILDCARE:** *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541  
*J. S. Bach*

### Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### Introit

"Glory Be to Jesus"

Men's Ensemble

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me  
the lifeblood from his sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;  
blest be his compassion, infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
which from endless torment did us thus redeem!

Lift, we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder, praise the precious blood!  
*Italian text, 18th century; music by Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the  
clouds. His name is the LORD—rejoice before him!

All: **He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows. He sets the  
lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing. Praise  
be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.**

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice. Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over all the earth.

**All: You, O God, give power and strength to your people—praise be to God!**

\* Hymn of praise 289, vv. 1, 3, 4

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

\* Prayer of adoration

\* Affirmation of faith

based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question 49

Leader: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

**All: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.**

**Second, he is our own flesh in heaven, a sure pledge that we, his members, will also be with him in heaven.**

**Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a guarantee of what is to come. By the Spirit’s power, we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is seated at God’s right hand.**

**Call to confession**

based on Isaiah 44 and Hebrews 10

Leader: This is what the LORD says, “I have made you, you are my servant; I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

**All: Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral meditation**

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Men’s Ensemble

Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*arr. Randall Crenshaw, 2018*

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

\* **Hymn of assurance 156**, vv. 1, 2, 4

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

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

**Offertory**

"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord"

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
to search the mystery in heaven stored,  
the knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,  
one Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,  
can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He only can ascend to God's right hand  
who first came down as his high mercy planned;  
true God and man has earth and heaven spanned. Alleluia!

Before the clouds receive the King on high,  
a cross lifts up his form against the sky;  
the framer of the worlds has come to die. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
the King of glory, whose own blood outpoured  
paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!  
*text by Edmund P. Clowney, 1987; music by Charles V. Stanford, 1904*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from Acts 1:1-11**

*p. 1690 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

James Stevens (9:30)

Bill Davis (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

### Sermon

"The Continuation of Jesus' Mission"  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

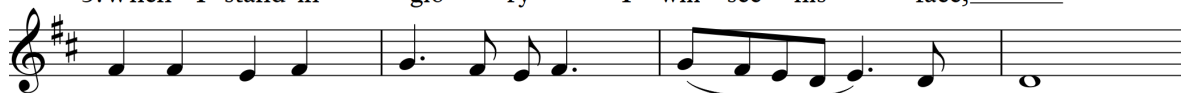
### Pastoral prayer

#### \* Hymn of response

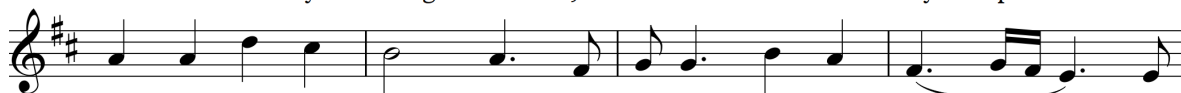
"There Is a Redeemer"



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see his face; \_\_\_\_\_



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - - ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope\_ for\_ sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in\_ that\_ ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son, \_\_\_\_\_ and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work\_ on\_ earth is done.

*text and music by Melody Green, 1982*

#### \* Benediction

#### \* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

#### \* Postlude

"Grand Chœur Dialogué"  
*Eugene Gigout*

\* Congregation standing as you are able

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### Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director  
Joshua Knight – organ

David Tahere – soloist

## Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

## **SERMON NOTES**

“The Continuation of Jesus’ Mission”

*Acts 1:1-11*

The resurrected Jesus:

1. continues his ministry to us (vv. 1-3)
2. promises his presence with us (vv. 4-5)
3. clarifies his mission for us (vv. 6-11)

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**NEW SERMON SERIES**  
**ACTS: THE EMPOWERED CHURCH**

We are living in what seems to be an increasingly fragmented and divided world. Public discourse is rancorous and all too rarely graced with agreement or unity. How do we in the church “shine like stars in the universe” and hold fast to the Gospel in our present cultural moment? The early church faced divisions as well, both in the world and within the church. Empowered by the Gospel and filled with the Holy Spirit, however, the bride of Christ neither cowered nor retreated. Again and again, the good news that Jesus is the Christ was proclaimed, and the Word of God spread, not just to a handful of Jews, but to men and women from every conceivable background: rich and poor, slave and free, “foreigners” and natives, the scrupulously religious and the completely pagan.

Right before his crucifixion, Jesus told his followers, “In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”(John 16:33b) The early Christians lived this truth. May our study of their story (which is, of course, a continuation of Jesus’ story) strengthen and embolden us to live out this same truth in our present world with greater zeal, trust, and hope.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army begins today. Reusable grocery bags and shopping lists are available in the fellowship hall lobby. All bags must be filled and returned to the Small Conference Room at LMPC by Sunday, September 8. Our goal this year is to collect 325 food bags, which would be our largest collection to date. Please plan to participate!

**A NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in the LMPC Conference Room beginning tomorrow, August 19. We will be led by Ed Salter and will study 1 John. All men at LMPC and in the community are invited to join.

**REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY CAMP WILL BEGIN** this Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00 a.m. Family Camp this year is September 13-15 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Alabama. This popular event always fills up quickly, so be sure to create your Realm profile in time if you haven't and be ready to register early. For more information visit [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp).

**DIVORCE CARE IS A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. LMPC is starting a new Divorce Care group this Tuesday, August 20. We will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building unless otherwise noted. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC. For more information contact Leon Sulser at [leonsulser@gmail.com](mailto:leonsulser@gmail.com) or Rodney Miller at [rodney.miller@covenant.edu](mailto:rodney.miller@covenant.edu).

**ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO A PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT** this Thursday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the JHYB. We will enjoy pizza, popcorn, fellowship, and a movie together. The cost is \$5, and please register by this Tuesday, August 20, at [lmpc.org/vip](http://lmpc.org/vip) or by submitting your payment to the LMPC church office.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 LMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT** November 8-10, at Guntersville State Park and Lodge in Alabama. Mary Willson will speak to us on the book of Ruth. Sign-ups will begin on Wednesday, September 4. Be sure to create your Realm profile so you are prepared to register!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, August 18*

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>
10:45 a.m.	High school freshman induction & rafting trip .....	<i>JHYB</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>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small group prep.....	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion.....	<i>chapel</i>

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

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.