



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 23, 2020 | **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

Prelude

"Meditation on Psalms 22 and 27"
Arrangement of KINGSFOLD and LOUISE

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise 700, vv. 1, 2, 5

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in
the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.

**All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from
me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.**

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging
to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of
darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you
are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.

* Hymn of assurance 460, vv. 1-4, 6

"Amazing Grace!"

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

Offertory

"Open My Eyes/ Amazing Grace"

Chancel Choir

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

You live within me, deep in my heart, O Lord.

You live within me. I rest in you.

text by Jesse Manibusan and John Newton; music by Jesse Manibusan, arr. Kathy McGrath and Michele MacAller

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Acts 9:10-19a**

p. 1706 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Laura Stephens (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

"A Willing Servant and His New Brother"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Lord, I Was Blind: I Could Not See"

(words and music may be found on the following page)

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

Session update 2020

* **Postlude**

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

MARCHING TO ZION

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano

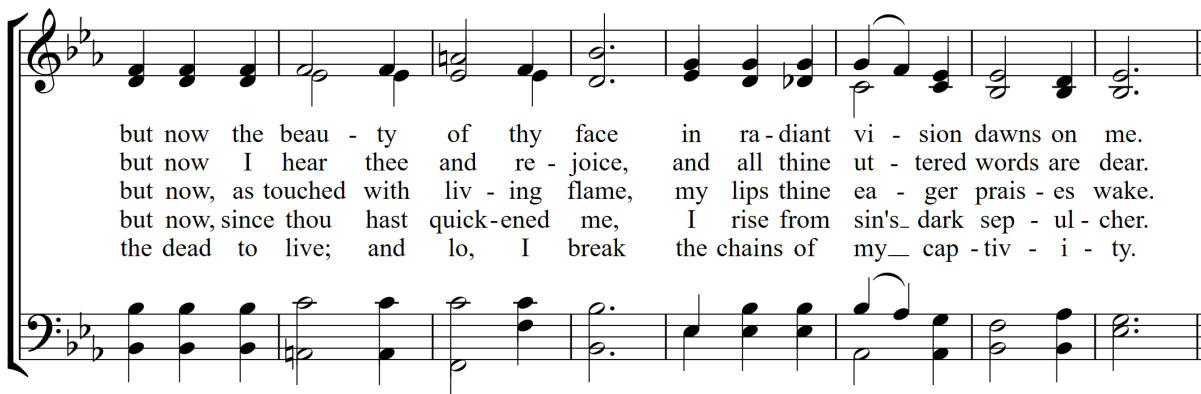
Larry Goodman – flute

Joy Gibbons – director, organ

“Lord, I Was Blind: I Could Not See”



1.Lord, I was blind: I could not see in thy marred vis - age an - y grace;
2.Lord, I was deaf: I could not hear the thrill - ing mu - sic of thy voice;
3.Lord, I was dumb: I could not speak the grace and glo - ry of thy name;
4.Lord, I was dead: I could not stir my life - less soul to come to thee;
5.Lord, thou hast made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak,



but now the beau - ty of thy face in ra - diant vi - sion dawns on me.
but now I hear thee and re - joice, and all thine ut - tered words are dear.
but now, as touched with liv - ing flame, my lips thine ea - ger prais - es wake.
but now, since thou hast quick - ened me, I rise from sin's_ dark sep - ul - cher.
the dead to live; and lo, I break the chains of my_ cap - tiv - i - ty.

text by William T. Matson, 1833-1899; music by Henry Baker, 1854

Acts 9:10-19a

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. ¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” ¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHURCH-WIDE COIN COLLECTION for the purchase of Kazakh Bibles through our supported World Missions partner, Bible Mission Global. A donation of \$10 purchases two Bibles for a family in Kazakhstan (a Bible and a Family Bible). We have set a big goal this year of \$5,000, and would like to challenge you to join in. The World Missions Committee has agreed to match collected funds up to \$5,000, making it possible for our church-wide contribution to be as high as \$10,000 or 1,000 sets of Bibles. For more information and to donate, visit the fellowship hall lobby.

OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, “Celebrating the Spirit’s Work in Central Asia,” will take place March 20-22. Saturday night banquet registration will open on **Monday, March 2**. Please make plans to join us for this special annual event. You can find the full schedule at lmpc.org/world-missions-conference-2020.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place on Sunday, March 15. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries and he will preach at all morning services as well as an evening Communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided. For more information on this sermon series, please visit lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series.

SERMON NOTES

“A Willing Servant and His New Brother”

Acts 9:10-19a

1. Ananias: a seemingly insignificant disciple called to courageous action

- a ready obedience despite real concerns (vv. 10-14, 17a)

- a genuine love for God and his people (v. 17b)

2. Saul: an “unlikely” disciple called to a new life

- a completely new vision of Christ (v. 18)

- a radically new purpose for life (vv. 15-16)

BIG IDEA: God uses seemingly insignificant and “unlikely” disciples to accomplish his great kingdom work.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 23

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>
9:30 a.m.	Communicants class	<i>JHYB</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>
3:30 p.m.	Officer Training class	<i>Reception Room</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with missionary report: Kim and Michael Essenburg.....	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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

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*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.