



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 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

*"Praise and Thanksgiving"
Gaelic Melody, arr. Dale Wood*

"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

* Hymn of praise 119

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

* **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

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in
whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through
my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I
will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from 1 John 4 and 1 Peter 2

Leader: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and
only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love:
not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an
atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All: **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people
belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who
called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

* **Hymn of assurance 524**

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Prayer of intercession for the global mission of the church

Leader: King of all creation, you are gathering your church in all its breadth and variety, out of every nation, family, people, and tongue, to be a kingdom of priests to serve you. This morning we pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, that you would equip them to love and serve their communities in your name.

All: **Through your church, heal and comfort all who suffer and mourn. Guide and sustain churches young and old, small and large, that your glorious name would be known and proclaimed throughout the world.**

Leader: God of our salvation, through your Holy Spirit, grant the church humility where there is pride, unity where there is division, truth where there is falsehood, and wisdom where there is foolishness, that you might use her to fulfill your purposes.

All: **We join with the apostle Paul in saying, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”**

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook (reprinted with permission, Second Edition, © 2013, Faith Alive Christian Resources) and Ephesians 3:20-21

* **Scripture reading from Psalm 46**
p. 885 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin.

Bill Davis

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon “Unimaginable Confidence in the Face of Indescribable Trouble”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 347, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552
J. S. Bach

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

LENT FLOWERS

As we continue on our Lenten journey, please take note of the sparse floral decor in the chancel area. This serves as a visual reminder of the simplicity of Lent: a time of prayer, reflection, and self-examining humility before we celebrate Christ’s Resurrection Day in beauty and splendor.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” ¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SERMON NOTES

“Unimaginable Confidence in the Face of Indescribable Trouble”

Psalm 46

FURTHER UPDATE ON LMPC'S RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Out of a biblical desire to love our neighbors and to protect the most vulnerable in our church and community, we have made the following decisions:

- Today there will be a **9:30 a.m. service in the fellowship hall** and an **11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary**.
- There will be NO Sunday School or nursery this morning.
- The George Long Preaching Series has been postponed to a later date.
- There will be NO Sunday evening service.
- All other activities at the church will be suspended until further notice. This includes Wednesday night activities, all youth activities, Bible studies, small groups, and choir practice.

If you have any further questions or concerns please email David Fowler at david@lmpc.org.

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE UPDATE

The World Missions Committee has voted to suspend the World Missions Conference due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) precautions and concerns. We plan to postpone the conference until 2021, when once again the focus will be on Central Asia.

If you have registered and paid for the banquet, you will be offered a refund; however, you will also have the opportunity to donate those funds to missions work in Central Asia. Those who have registered will receive an instructional email this week.

Please note that the World Missions Committee will continue collecting funds for the purchase of Kazakh Bibles through March 22 as planned. We strongly encourage you and your family to participate in this important work. For more information and to donate, visit the fellowship hall lobby. You may also contribute through Realm or Venmo (LktMtnPC) with a note for "Bible Donation."

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary</i>
3:30 p.m.	Officer Training class	<i>Reception Room</i>

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VIP SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON scheduled for today has been postponed to a later date. Please be on the lookout for further updates.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is Wednesday, April 1.

HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 5-12. You can find the full schedule of services at lmpc.org/holy-week-2020.

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

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.