



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

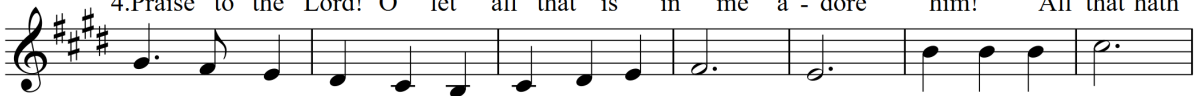
All: For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.

* Hymn of praise

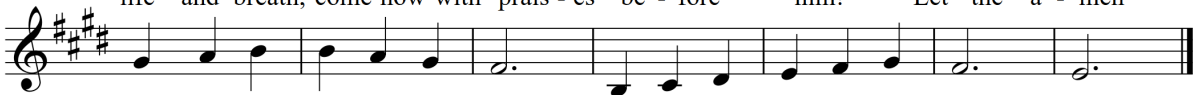
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth, shel-ters thee
3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure-ly his
4.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen
good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men



now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
how thy de - sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
what the Al - might-y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

All: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners”

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound - ded, sick and sore; Je - sus
2. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the
3. Come, ye wea - ry heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you
read - y stands to save_ you, full of pi - ty love and power. He is
fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him. This he
tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver come at all. Not the
a - ble, he is a - ble; he is will - ing; doubt no more. He is
gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spi - rit's ri - sing beam. This he
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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

1. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, whose price-less blood has ran-somed
 2. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er. My life he bought, my love he
 3. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who car-ries me on ea-gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails, and hung him on that judg-ment
 owns. I have no long-ings for an-oth-er, I'm sat-is-fied in him a-
 wings. He crowns my life with lov-ing-kind-ness, his tri-umph song I'll ev-er

tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who crushed the power of sin and
 lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, his faith-ful-ness my stand-ing
 sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who waits for me at gates of

death. My on-ly Sav-ior be-fore the Ho-ly Judge: The
 place. Though foes are might-y and rush up-on me, my
 gold. And when he calls me it will be par-a-dise, his

Lamb who is my right-eous-ness, feet are firm, held by his grace, face for-ev-er to be-hold,
 the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness. my feet are firm, held by his grace. his face for-ev-er to be-hold.

Prayer of intercession

Leader: God of all love and compassion, wisdom and knowledge, your word tells us that you know our hearts better than we do. You know the concerns that burden us, the fears that drive us to despair, and the doubts that isolate us.

All: We pray now for those in our midst and around the world who are experiencing profound burdens, deep fears, heartbreaking sorrows, and overwhelming loneliness today.

Leader: Send your Spirit on all whose minds are weighed down by anxiety, and minister your healing grace to the restless places in our spirits. Soften our hearts to realize the wounds in one another, and teach us to be people of compassion, slow to take offense and quick to forgive.

All: Make us fully dependent on you for all things as we seek to love and serve each other in these confusing and distressing times.

Leader: Creator of the universe, we offer to you the issues and situations in our lives that seem beyond our imagination and are clearly far from our control. Grant hope and peace to those who are sick and to those caring for the sick. Protect the most vulnerable in our communities and around the world, that your name would be praised.

All: May we all know your powerful and comforting presence at every turn. We join with the psalmist in saying, "When we are afraid we will trust in you, O God. We praise your word and trust in you; therefore, we will not be afraid."

adapted from Psalm 56

* Scripture reading from Psalm 121

text printed in the bulletin

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Guarded by God on the Dangerous Journey"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; I
2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace; in
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed

dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but wholl-y lean on Je - sus' name On
ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an-chor holds with - in the veil.
all a-round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

* **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:

Joel Christie – vocalist

Greta Erickson – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Ellie Henry – vocalist

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

LENT FLOWERS

As we continue on our Lenten journey, please take note of the sparse floral decor in the fellowship hall. 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 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? ²My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; ⁸the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

SERMON NOTES

“Guarded by God on the Dangerous Journey”

Psalm 121

1. Help: the reality of danger and need

2. Hope: the truth of God’s watchful care