



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and announcements**

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

**\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

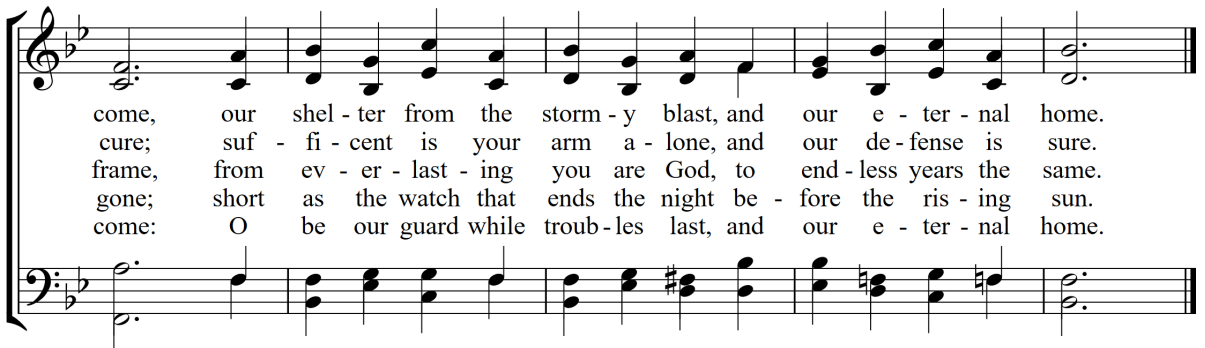
**All: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal praise!**

\* Hymn of praise

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se -  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning  
5. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to



come, our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
cure; suf - fi - cent is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
frame, from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
gone; short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
come: O be our guard while troub - les last, and our e - ter - nal home.

*text from Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719; music attr. to William Croft; ST. ANNE*

\* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

## 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; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997*

## Silent prayers of confession

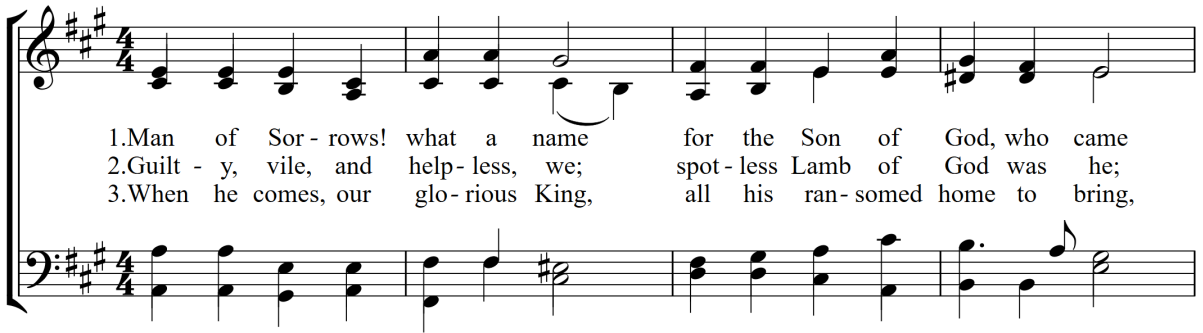
### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 1:19-22

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

\* Hymn of assurance

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”



1.Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
2.Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;  
3.When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
full a - tone - ment! Can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

*text and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875; HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!*

### Prayer of intercession for medical workers

Leader: O God, who did not shrink from the chaos of our fallen world but willingly entered into it, we pray that you would be with those serving in the medical field now. As they enter into uncertain and potentially dangerous circumstances, may they carry your presence, your comfort, and your peace.

All: **Do not let them be overcome by fear, but increase their empathy, calm their distress, and lighten their burdens that they might skillfully and compassionately care for those to whom you send them.**

Leader: As they assess and act, let their hearts be guided by mercy, their minds by right judgement, and their hands by wisdom, that their presence and care in another person's moment of distress and need might bring comfort and healing.

**All:** When strength or skill is not enough to aid or save, when loss or harm proves unavoidable, let them neither rage against you nor against their own limits. Let them instead find rest in your sovereignty and give comfort to others as they continue to serve those in need.

Leader: Let them be bearers of your peace and healing, but let them also learn to rest their own hearts in you, that at the end of each shift they might return home not shaken, but fully present for those who need them.

**All:** We join with the apostle Paul in affirming, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

*adapted from Every Moment Holy, vol. 1 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

**\* Scripture reading from John 19:16b-27**

<sup>16b</sup>So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup>Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. <sup>19</sup>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup>The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup>“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

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

### **Sermon**

"Behold Your King"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Who is the one on the cross?

1. Christ, who is the true King (vv. 16b-22)
  - The truth of the inscription "The King of the Jews"
  
2. Christ, who is the suffering servant (vv. 23-24)
  - Stripped of everything in fulfillment of prophesy (Psalm 22)
  
3. Christ, who is the creator of a whole new family (vv. 25-27)
  - See his concern for others as he suffers greatly.

### **Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - trest in the Sav - ior's blood?  
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi - nite his grace!),  
 3. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in him, is mine!

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing  
 hum - bled him - self (so great his love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy -  
 A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -

love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A -  
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
 preach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 A - maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God,



\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians:**

**Margaret Compton** – vocalist

**William Darby** – vocalist

**Joy Gibbons** – piano

**David Henry** – vocalist

**Brian Kvale** – vocalist

**Stephanie Wharton** – flute, vocalist

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 8, 2020. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Laura and Don Bailey, Jr.

Patty Franks

Amber and Calvin Garriott

Cindy and Dan Glecier

Emma Grimes

Seth Holm

Katie and Corey Holstege

Sally and Chris Horne

Lynn and Chuck Johnson

Joel Johnson

Peggy Jones

Robby Jones

Melissa and Dustin Koehl

Jamie and Jordan Leithart

Sarah and Jacob McCool

Leanne and Lee Perry

Zach Plating

Linda Richter

Scott Riley

Denny Wise

Mary Helen and William Young

**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.