



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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## **Prelude**

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

*arr. Kenon Renfrow*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #528)*

## **Welcome and announcements**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

## **\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 29

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**All:** **In his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.**

\* Hymn of praise

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

1.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made; your might - y word was  
 2.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man; no pow'rs of death or  
 3.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain, trans - mut - ing earth - ly  
 4.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now, but soon be - fore your

spo - ken and light and life o - beyed. Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and  
 dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan. All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su -  
 sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain. All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as  
 tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow. With this glad hope be - fore\_ us our

bounds the o - cean's shore, sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
 preme in time and space, you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
 none but Con - qu'ror could, your love pur - sues its pur - pose, our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
 faith springs up a - new: our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

**Hymn of confession**

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*  
*(continue scrolling for words and music)*

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

1. Come ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;  
2. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness — fond - ly dream;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, — heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined — by the fall;

Je - sus read - y stands to save\_ you, full of pit - y, — love and pow'r.  
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel\_ your need of him.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver\_ come at all.

I will a-rise and\_ go to Je - sus, he will em-brace me\_ in his arms;

in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are\_ ten\_ thou-sand charms.

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Leader: Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature, which I will struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

*based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question 56 and Romans 8:1-2*

### \* Hymn of assurance

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with-  
3. Be - hold him there! the ris - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less Right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - chang - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace! One with him - self, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free; for God, the Just, is sa - tis - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

*text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997*

## Prayer of intercession for those devastated by storms

Leader: Lord, creator and sustainer of all things, we pray for your mercy to be poured out upon all who have suffered severe devastation and loss from the recent storms.

**All: Lord, our firm foundation, we pray for those who have lost electricity, food, homes, and means of transportation. Their needs are great, and their sense of place and permanence has been shaken. We ask that you would provide for all their needs during this time.**

Leader: Lord, in whom our lives are hidden, we pray for those who have lost loved ones or whose loved ones have been injured. Be their firm shield, great physician, loving shepherd, and eternal hope.

**All: Lord, in whom we find refuge, may those who have endured this tragedy either come to a saving knowledge of who you are or become more deeply rooted in you.**

Leader: Lord, our light and our salvation, may we, your church, be a powerful force of restoration and tangible help in the rebuilding process. May we be your hands and feet among the suffering, eager to love and serve in your name.

**All: We join with the psalmist in declaring, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."**

*adapted with permission from Douglas Kaine McKelvey's Every Moment Holy and Psalm 73:26*

## Meditation of hope

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly, saying,  
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing  
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

*text by Thomas Moore, 1816; music by Ethan McGrath, 2016*

\* Scripture reading from Acts 10:23b-48

<sup>23b</sup>The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup>The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. <sup>26</sup>But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

<sup>27</sup>Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. <sup>28</sup>He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

<sup>30</sup>Cornelius answered: "Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me <sup>31</sup>and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. <sup>32</sup>Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' <sup>33</sup>So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

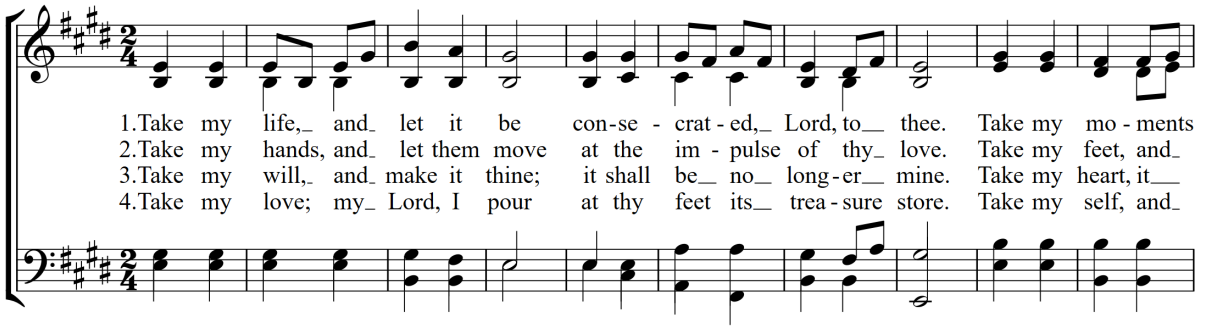
<sup>39</sup>"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."





\* Hymn of response

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”



1. Take my life, and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet, and  
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine. Take my heart, it  
4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store. Take my self, and



and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee, swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.  
is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

*text by Frances Havergal, 1874; music by Henri César Malan, 1827, HENDON*

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Let All Things Now Living”

*arr. Marilyn Ham*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #125)*

\* Congregation standing as you are able

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**Musicians:**

**Joy Gibbons** – vocalist  
**David Henry** – vocalist  
**Ellie Henry** – vocalist

**Joshua Knight** – piano  
**David Tahere** – soloist