

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 10, 2020 | Sanctuary Service

# Order of Worship

Prelude

"If with All Your Hearts" from Elijah, Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

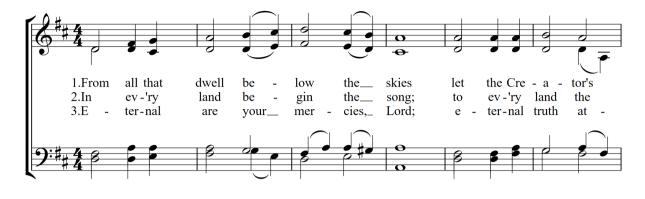
\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 66

- Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
- All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."
- Leader: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.
- All: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

\* Hymn of praise

"From All That Dwell below the Skies"







text adapted from Psalm 117 by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

# \* Prayer of adoration

#### Call to confession

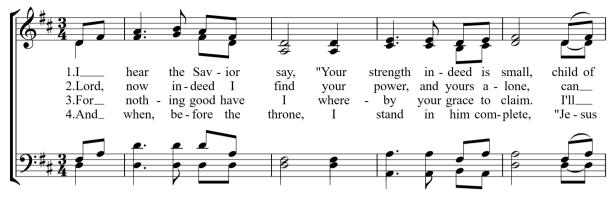
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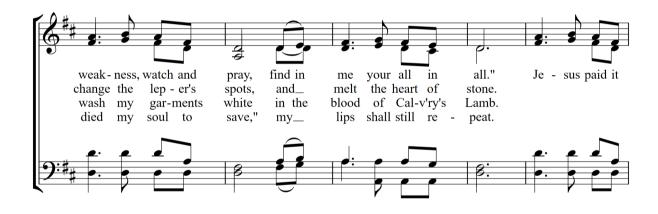
The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

#### Hymn of confession

"Jesus Paid It All" (continue scrolling for words and music)

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text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868; ALL TO CHRIST

## Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### \* Hymn of assurance

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" (continue scrolling for words and music)

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"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890; EBENEZER

#### Prayer of intercession for teachers and students

- Leader: O Lord our Rock, we ask that you would be with all teachers and students as they finish out this strange and difficult semester. Give them strength and perseverance despite the frustrations and demands of education during this time of crisis.
- All: Fill teachers with your wisdom and creativity as they seek to educate, encourage, comfort, and embolden their students. For those struggling to teach online classes and care for young children at home, give them energy and endurance. May they experience your sustaining presence every day.
- Leader: Fill students with your peace and patience, and give them grace to focus on their school work. Comfort those who are mourning the loss of graduations, recitals, tournaments, and social events. Grow in them an even deeper trust in and dependence on your faithfulness.
- All: We pray that both teachers and students would be fitted with your armor. May they stand firm with the belt of truth, with the breastplate of righteousness, with feet fitted with the gospel of peace, with the shield of faith, with the helmet of salvation, and with the sword of the Spirit, which is your Word. We pray in the Spirit and through your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen. based on Ephesians 6:14-18

# \* Scripture reading from Acts 11:19-30

<sup>19</sup>Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. <sup>20</sup>Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup>He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

<sup>27</sup>During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) <sup>29</sup>The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

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

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

Sermon	"Their Suffering Was Not in Vain"
	Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

1. Persecution yields to Gospel proclamation. (vv. 19-24)

2. Gospel immersion yields to discipleship. (vv. 25-26)

3. Gospel unity yields to generosity. (vv. 27-30)

**BIG IDEA**: The Spirit grows the church in the soil of persecution, discipleship, and unity.

# Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response

"O Church, Arise"

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#### \* Benediction

\* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

\* Postlude

"Sing to God!" G.F. Handel, arr. Jan Sandborn

\* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians:

William Darby – vocalist Joy Gibbons – vocalist David Henry – vocalist Ellie Henry – vocalist Joshua Knight – piano Hannah Lutz – viola