

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2020 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

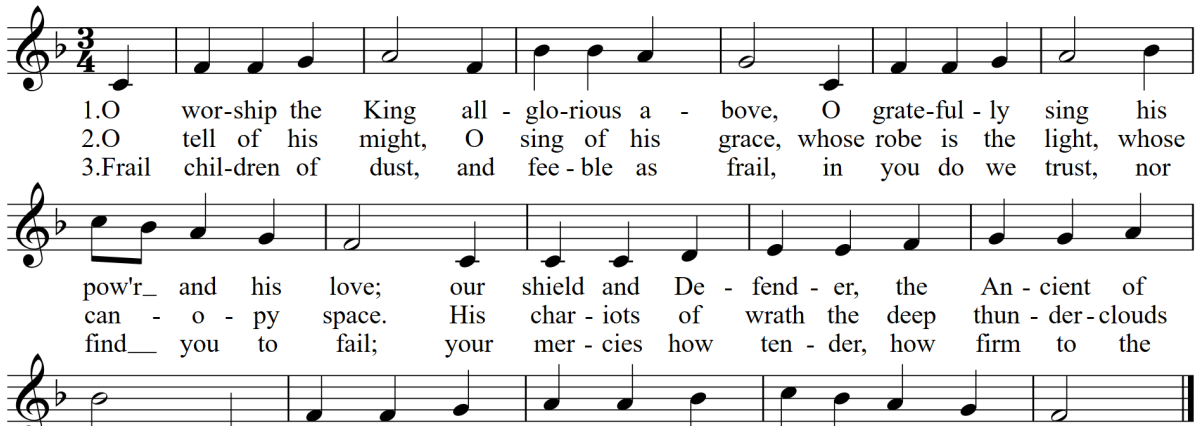
All: We will praise the LORD all our lives; we will sing praise to our God as long as we live.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow. The LORD reigns forever—for all generations. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of praise

“O Worship the King”



1.O wor-ship the King all - glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly sing his
2.O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose
3.Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we trust, nor

pow'r_ and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of
can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds
find_ you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the

Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ded with praise.
form, and dark is his path on the wings_ of the storm.
end, our Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

* 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

taken from Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.

Hymn of confession

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

1. Fa - ther, en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly; an - cient, e - ter - nal
2. Lord, save us from the dark of our striv - ing, faith - less, trou - bled
3. Look now up - on our need; Lord be with us. Heal us and make us
Light, hear our prayer. Come, O Re - deem - er come; grant us
hearts weighed down.
free from our sin.
mer - cy. Come, O Re - deem - er, come; grant us peace.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: **Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

* Hymn of assurance

"How Great Thou Art"



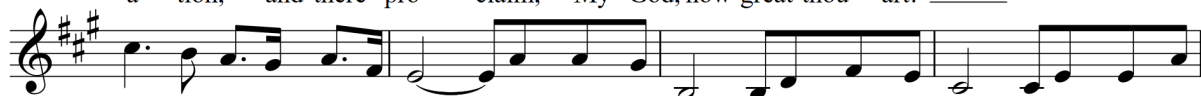
1.O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2.And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
3.When Christ shall come with shout of acc - la - ma - tion and take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -



thun - der, thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. Then sings my
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
a - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



soul, my Sa - vior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

* Scripture reading from Acts 12:1-19a

¹It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

⁴After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

⁶The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.

⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. ⁸Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. ⁹Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." ¹²When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. ¹³Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" ¹⁵"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." ¹⁶But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. ¹⁷Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

¹⁸In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. ¹⁹After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Gospel Advance Through a Prayerful People"

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. Ruthless violence breaks out. (vv. 1-4, 18-19a)

2. Earnest praying bursts out. (v. 5)

3. Divine rescue breaks in. (vv. 6-17)

BIG IDEA: Because of grace, Christians are a bigger threat to evil in all our obvious weakness than evil, in all its apparent strength, will ever be to the church.

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-
4. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and
fi-cient, shall be your sup- ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I
will not de- sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en-

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
cause you to stand, up-held by my right- eous, om- nip- o- tent hand.
on- ly de- sign your dross to con- sume and your gold to re- fine.
dea- vor to shake, I'll ne- ver, no ne- ver, no ne- ver for- sake."

* **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:

William Darby – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist