



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

* Hymn of praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1.Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!
 2.Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
 3.Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave, and

how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own: a -
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no
 rose vic - tor - ious in the_ strife for those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
 glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high, who

hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

1. Come, ye sin-ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore; Je-sus
2. 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
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
right - eous, not the right - eous; sin - ners Je - sus came to save. Not the
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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844; BEECHSPRING

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father, Lord of heav’n and earth, let praise and honor clothe your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done; throughout the world complete your reign.
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you for bread and breath each day anew.

Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debtors show your grace.
Remove us from all tempting paths and guard us from the devil’s ways;
for glory, strength, and heaven’s throne belong to you, and you alone.
text adapted from The Lord’s Prayer by Henry J. de Jong, 1982; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 2 and Acts 4

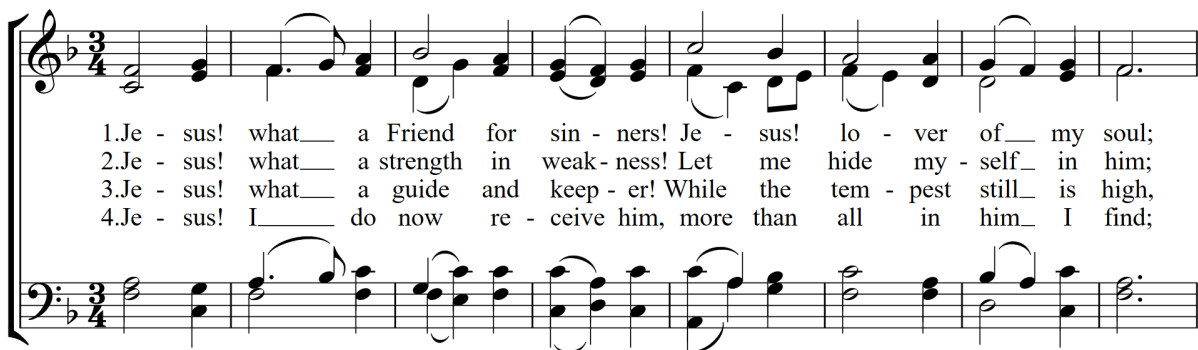
Leader: We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

All: **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.**

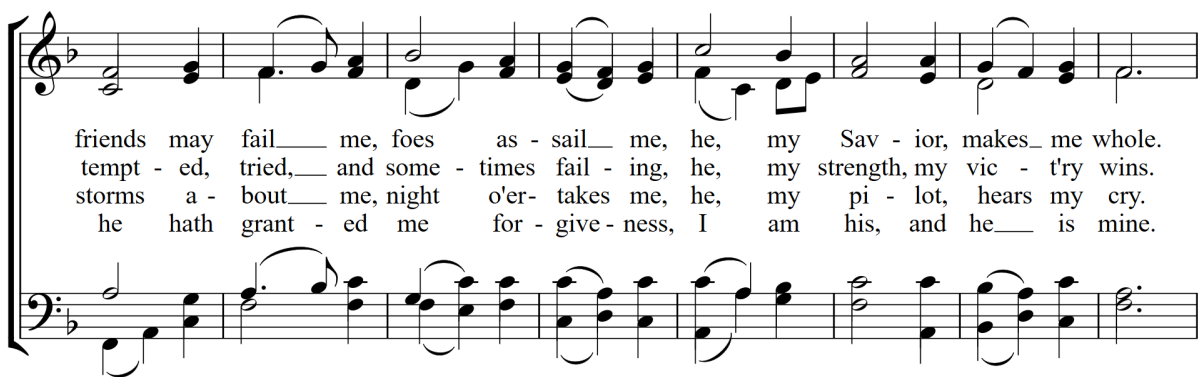
* Hymn of assurance

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”
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"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lo - ver of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - tory wins.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Prayer of intercession for unity in the church

Leader: Lord God, your Word urges us time and time again to be unified in the Spirit. We ask that by your power you would bring resolution to the conflicts among us that are a barrier to the spread of the gospel. In your churches around the world, bring unity where there is division, peace where there is enmity, humility where there is presumption, and healing where there is pain.

All: Give your people wisdom to know when to speak the truth in love and when to be silent and listen. Likewise, give us wisdom to address relational struggles in our lives, and bring restoration and comfort to the severed relationships around us.

Leader: Remind us that in you there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. We ask that, as your chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we would be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

All: Teach us to bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against one another. And, over all these virtues, clothe us in love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we are called to peace, and let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. Amen.

based on Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3

* Scripture reading from Acts 12:19b-25

^{19b}Then Herod went from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there a while. ²⁰He had been quarreling with the people of Tyre and Sidon; they now joined together and sought an audience with him. Having secured the support of Blastus, a trusted personal servant of the king, they asked for peace, because they depended on the king's country for their food supply. ²¹On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. ²²They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." ²³Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

²⁴But the word of God continued to increase and spread. ²⁵When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The World Opposes God in Vain"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. God punishes the proud who refuse to repent. (vv. 19b-23)
2. God propels his saving Word through his servants. (vv. 24-25)

"The chapter opens with James dead, Peter in prison, Herod triumphing; it closes with Herod dead, Peter free, and the word of God triumphing. The world opposes God in vain." *John Stott*

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"O God beyond All Praising"

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you to-day and
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that
sing the love amazing that songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly
we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King; and wheth-er our to-
won-der at ev-ery gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your
rise to bless you still: to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your
word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
ways, and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from *The Planets* Gustav Holst; THAXTED

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
arr. M. Sheryl Kelsey

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians:

William Darby – vocalist

Joy Gibbons – vocalist

David Henry – vocalist

Joshua Knight – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Mark Perry – vocalist