



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 14, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Psalm 100”
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Introit

“Jubilate!”

Ensemble

Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra!
Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra, omnes terra!

O be joyful, all you nations, O be joyful in the Lord;
serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with a song.

Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra!
Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra, omnes terra!

Enter now his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise.
O be thankful, O be thankful, call upon the name of the Lord.

Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra!
Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra, omnes terra! Jubilate!
text from Psalm 100:1, 3; music by Michael Bedford

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee!
 4.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who
 shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not
 Sure-ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a -
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a -

hear, now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 seen how thy de - sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 new what the Al-might-y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 men sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad-ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

text based on Psalm 103 by Joachim Neander, 1680; music from Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: What do the scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Eternal Light”

Ensemble

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
text by Alcuin of York, 8th century; music by Mark Schweizer

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1.'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2.O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his clean-sing blood;
3.Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;

just to rest up - on his pro-mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply ta - king life and rest, and joy and peace.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more.

*** Scripture reading from Acts 13:42-52**

⁴²As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. ⁴³When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

⁵⁰But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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

*** 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.**

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Responding to the Gospel: Lessons from 'Jewish Rejection and Gentile Joy'"*
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Big Question: What will we do with God's Word and Gospel; gladly accept or sadly reject?

1. Gentile joy: the marks of glad acceptance that continues in grace (vv. 42-44, 48-49, 51-52)
 - the lessons learned from the glad acceptance of the Gentiles
 - continuing in the grace of God and honoring the Word of the Lord (vv. 42-43, 48)
 - the lessons learned from the glad acceptance of Paul and Barnabas
 - enduring boldness and resilient joy in the face of rejection and persecution (vv. 46-47, 51-52)
 - the ways in which our Lord works in glad acceptance
 - The Lord appoints unto eternal life and spreads his Word through the region. (vv. 48-49)
2. Jewish rejection: the marks of sad rejection of the grace in which we are to continue (vv. 45-47, 50)
 - Beware of the danger of progressive rejection that moves from the covertly internal to the overtly external! (vv. 45-47, 50)

*Title based on wording in Dennis E. Johnson's *Let's Study Acts*.

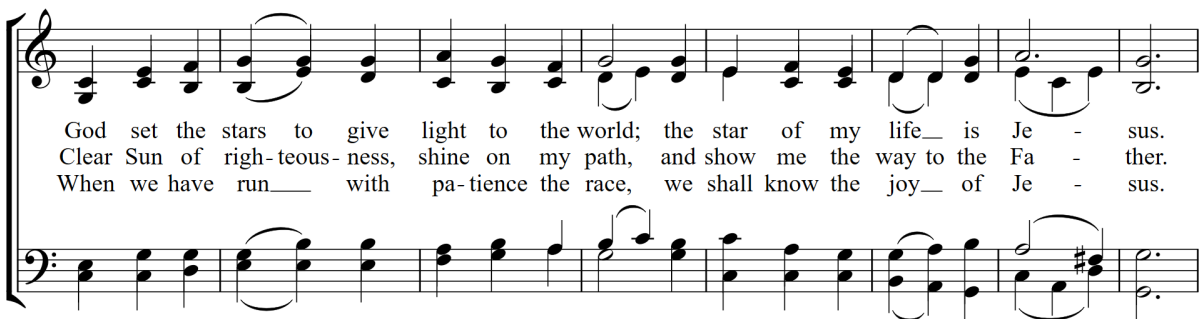
Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

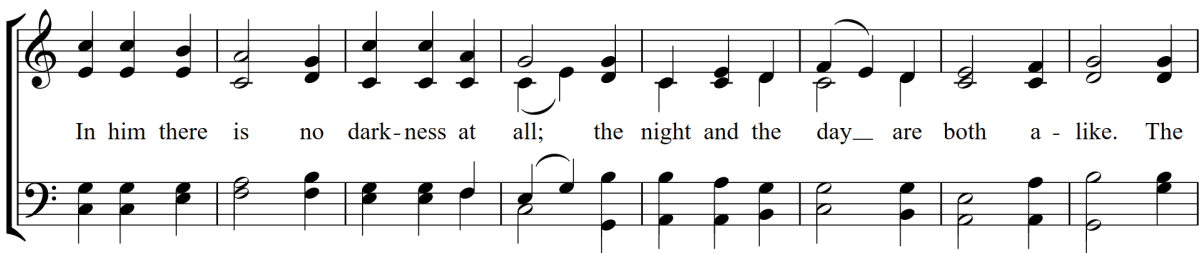
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



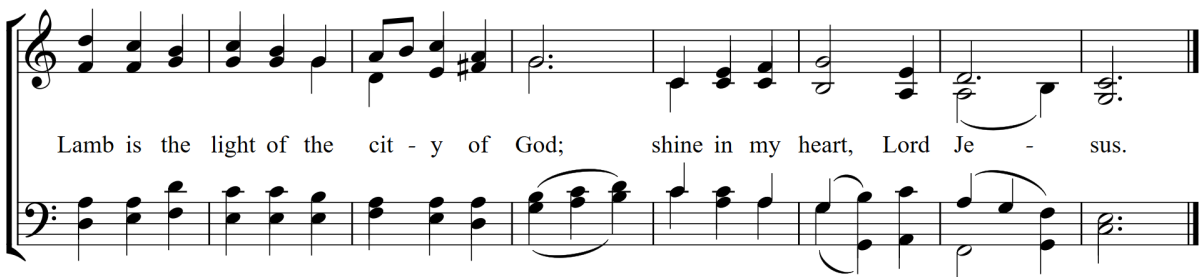
1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

text and music by Kathleen Thomerson

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Toccata in F, BWV 540
J. S. Bach

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU WHILE AT CHURCH: It is always a joy to see so many children at LMPC. While we continue to welcome their presence every Sunday, for everyone’s safety we are asking that parents keep their children with them at all times while at the church or in the church parking lot, including before and after services. Running and playing outdoors is strongly encouraged—**just not at the church at this time.**

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL will run through Sunday, August 9. The class is held from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each Sunday morning. In light of Covid-19 and the current state/local guidelines, this class is held via the online platform Zoom. If you would like to virtually attend Summer Sunday School, you can find the registration link on the LMPC website’s Adult Sunday School page. Once you are registered, a Zoom invitation with instructions will be sent prior to each Sunday’s class so that you can log on and participate in the class.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE HOUR will continue to broadcast on Facebook Live until further notice. Archives of past sessions are available on the LMPC Facebook page by selecting “Videos” from the menu. You can also find the current week’s session on the LMPC website’s homepage by clicking on the Prayer & Bible graphic.

BACKYARD VBS: There are a few remaining supplies for the Backyard VBS program if anyone is interested in participating. Email greta@lmpc.org for more information.

OUR SUMMER WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY on the I AM statements of Jesus is happening now through July 8. If you would like to join a Zoom small group or receive the weekly devotional and study guide, please email women@lmpc.org.