



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack to share important information with us. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

**A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:**

- We are unable to offer a nursery at this time.
- Coloring sheets and crayons are available for children. Please take crayons home with you.
- Tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at the exits.
- At the end of the service, please wait for the ushers to indicate when and where you are to exit.

## Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

*"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"*  
Theme and Variations I and VI for Violin and Organ  
*Jan Bender*

**Welcome and announcements**

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

**All: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal praise!**

\* Hymn of praise

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
2.Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
3.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -

ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O

An - cient of Days, al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music is traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA*

\* Prayer of adoration

**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 Hebrews 4:14-16

**Leader:** Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For  
we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our  
weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet was without sin.

**All:** **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that  
we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Instrumental meditation**

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
Adoniram J. Gordon*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. Amen.

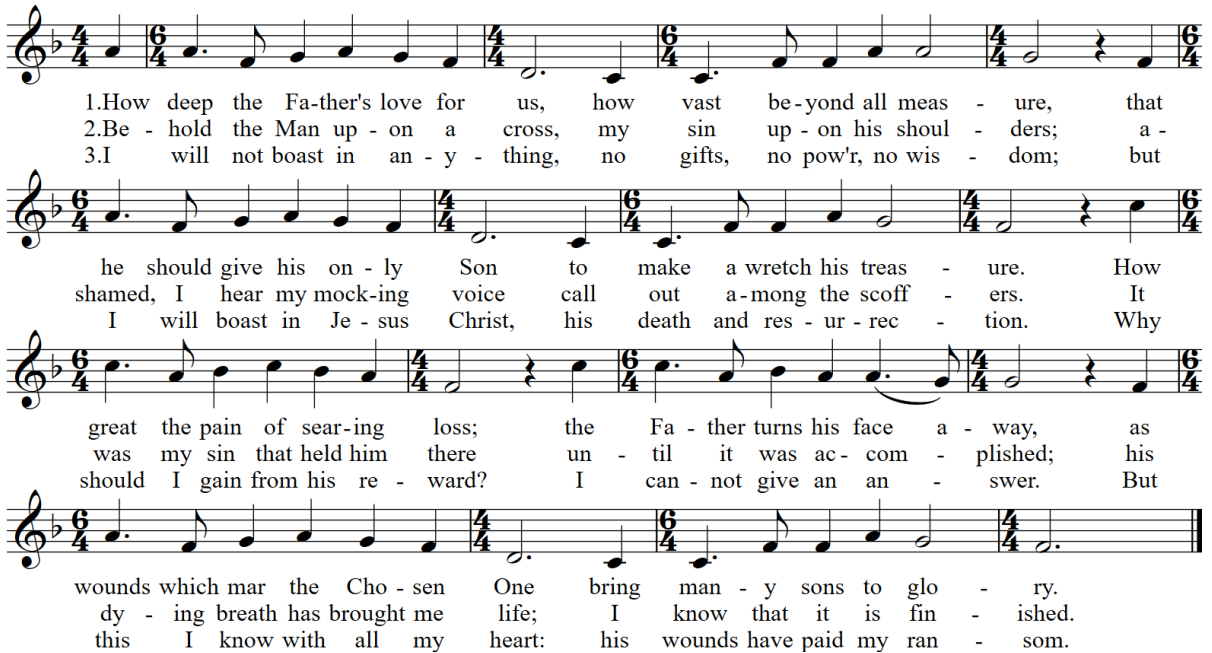
**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure, that  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders; a -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but  
he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why  
great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way, as  
was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his  
should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But  
wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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**Officer installation (9:00)**

\* **Scripture reading from Acts 16:16-40**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Aaron Tolson (9:00)

Jennifer Thompson (11:00)

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**

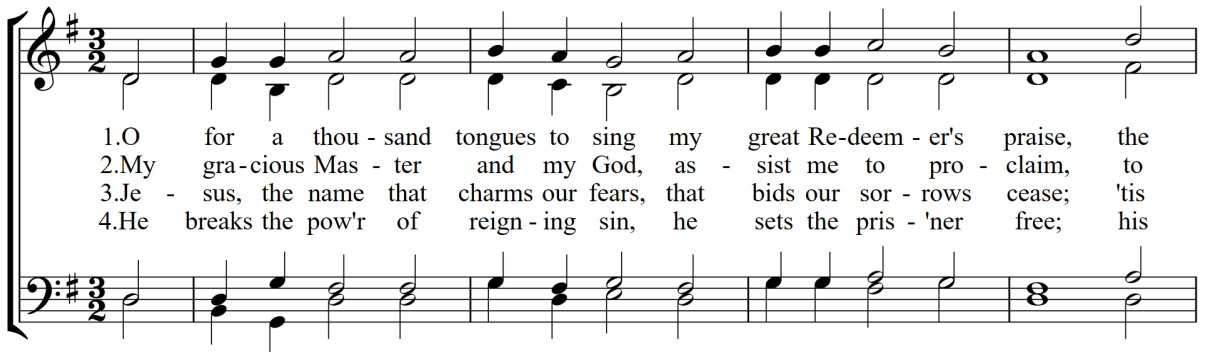
**Sermon**

“Christ’s Prisoners Set Others Free”  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

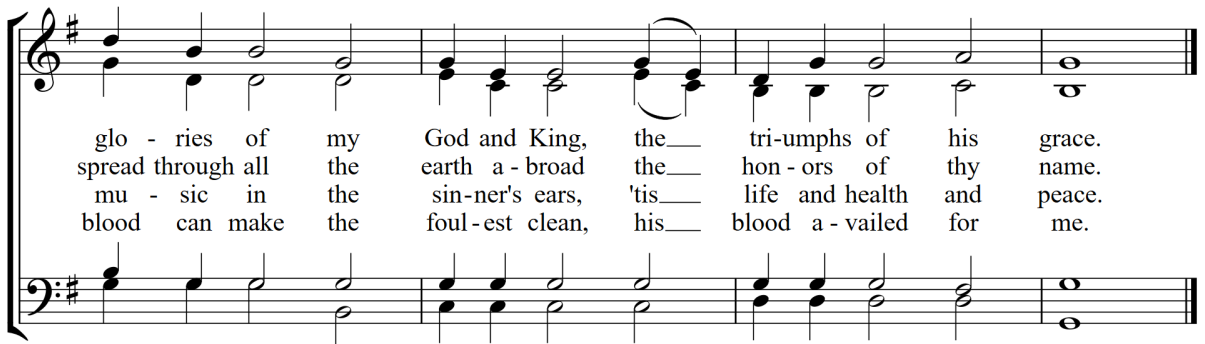
**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise, the  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to  
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free; his



glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839*

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“We Are God’s People”  
*Johannes Brahms, SYMPHONY*

\* Congregation standing as you are able

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ensemble**  
**Joshua Knight – organ**

**Daniel Jeong – violin**

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS** to excuse you row by row after the service.

**WE APPRECIATE** everyone's willingness to wear a mask to protect one another. We do ask that everyone wear a mask for the entire service, covering both mouth and nose. Also, in light of the Hamilton County mandate, we are now asking everyone entering the church buildings during the week to wear a mask.

**AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES RISES** it is especially important that everyone who is planning to attend on Sunday morning **register for a service**. The ushers can best plan for seating and accommodate visitors if all members and their guests register for the service they wish to attend. We also ask those who decide that they are no longer able to come to please cancel their reservation unless it is a last-minute decision.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## Acts 16:16-40

<sup>16</sup>Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." <sup>18</sup>She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

<sup>19</sup>When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. <sup>20</sup>They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar <sup>21</sup>by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. <sup>23</sup>After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup>Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup>The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup>At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup>The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

<sup>35</sup>When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." <sup>36</sup>The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace." <sup>37</sup>But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out." <sup>38</sup>The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. <sup>39</sup>They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup>After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and encouraged them. Then they left.



## SERMON NOTES

“Christ’s Prisoners Set Others Free”

*Acts 16:16-40*

1. The slave girl powerfully set free (vv. 16-18)
2. The liberators harshly imprisoned (vv. 19-24)
3. The jailer redemptively confounded (vv. 25-34)
4. The authorities clearly confronted (vv. 35-40)

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus can rescue any person in any condition but often at a cost to those he chooses to use.

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## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, August 9*

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Worship service .....               | <i>sanctuary</i>       |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Worship service with communion..... | <i>fellowship hall</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service .....               | <i>sanctuary</i>       |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service with communion..... | <i>fellowship hall</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Adult Summer Sunday School.....     | <i>via Zoom</i>        |

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### OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away  
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first and second Sundays of every month, one Sunday in the sanctuary and one Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please see the church website for more details.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.