



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 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**

Fugue in G, BWV 541  
*J. S. Bach*

**Welcome and announcements**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**\* Call to worship**

based on Revelation 4 and 5

Leader: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power.

**All: For you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.**

Leader: You are worthy, Lord Jesus, for you have ransomed men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

**All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

\* Hymn of praise

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture, Son of —  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair — are the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair — is the moon - light, and all the  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of —

God and — Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing — garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, — star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 God and — Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.” Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral meditation

“Shalom” (Peace)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as this world gives, I give to you.  
Do not be afraid. My peace I leave with you. Shalom.  
*text based on John 14:27; music by Dan Forrest, 2020*

#### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## \* Hymn of assurance

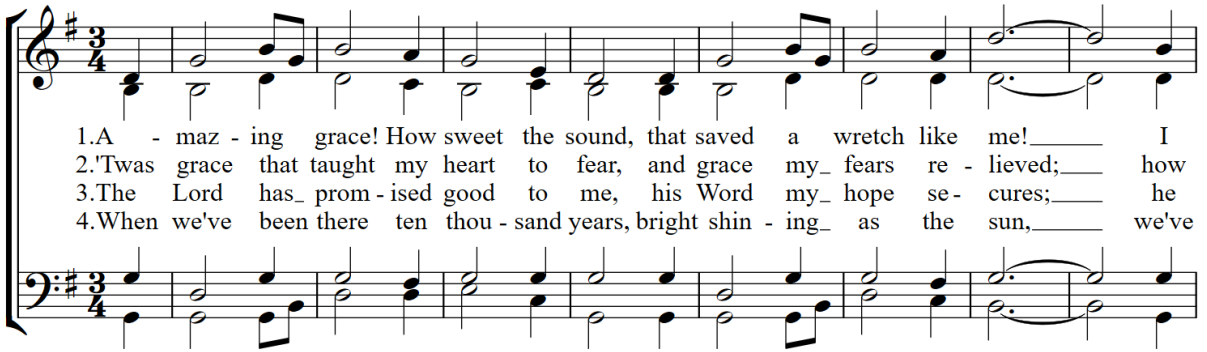
“Amazing Grace!”  
*(words and music on the following page)*

### Prayer of intercession for a new school year

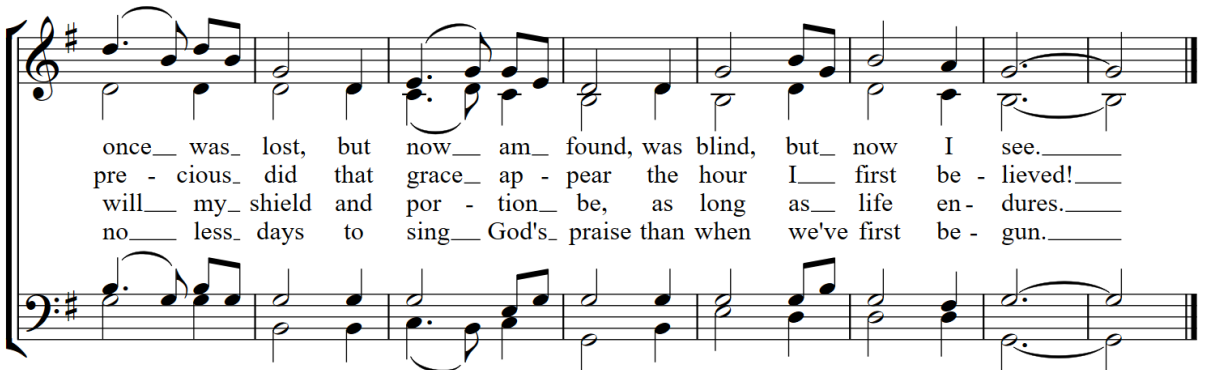
Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the beginning of this new school year. We ask that you would guide each student at home and away into deeper awareness of this world you have made and into deeper knowledge of you and love for you.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

"Amazing Grace!"



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved; how  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures; he  
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, we've



once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.

text by John Newton, 1779, and *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; traditional American melody,  
arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, *AMAZING GRACE*

**Leader:** Be with those who teach, coach, administrate, provide transportation, clean, and volunteer, that they would be enabled to educate and facilitate growth with all wisdom, courage, and humility. Strengthen and encourage those for whom school is exceptionally challenging, and difficult. Give them your grace and perseverance as they press on in faith.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Be with all of us during this pandemic. For those struggling with fear and anxiety in the face of increased exposure, give them rest, peace, and trust in your sovereign care. For those who have made drastic changes in order to accommodate new school schedules, grant them flexibility and perseverance. Lastly, we ask for all those beginning a new school year, protect their health and renew their strength by your Spirit.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

\* **Scripture reading from Acts 18:1-18a**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Tim Sorrell (9:00)  
Larry Goodman (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**                      "God's Faithfulness to His Discouraged Servant"  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
*(words and music on the following page)*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude**

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"  
*J. Christopher Pardini*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

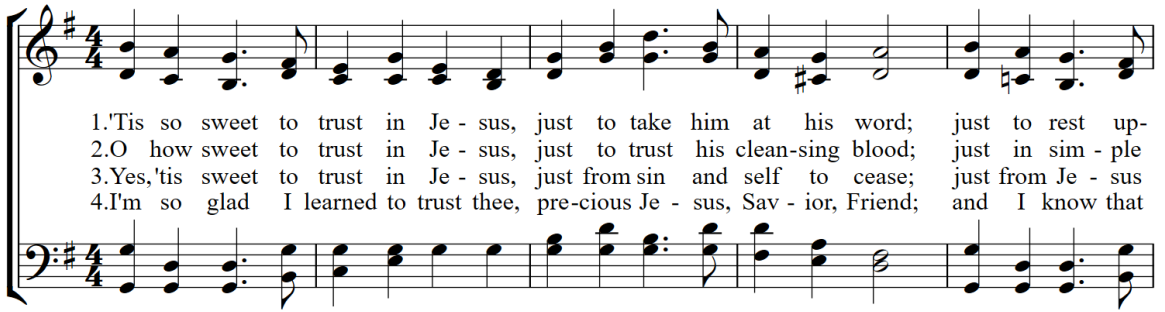
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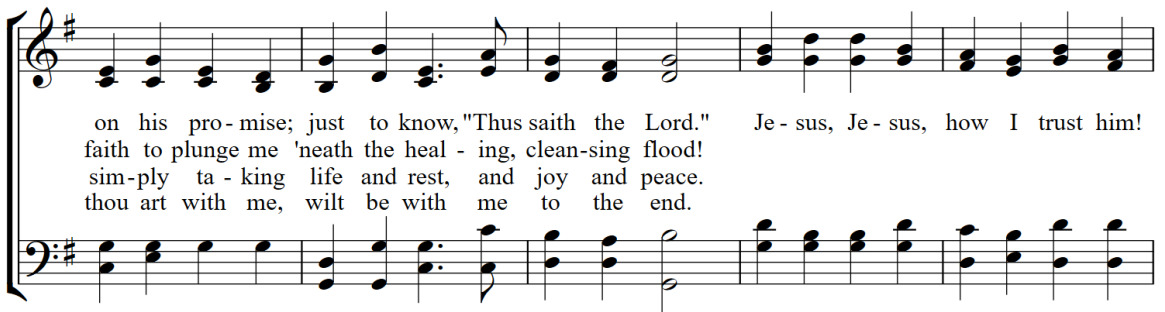
**William Darby** – vocalist  
**Joy Gibbons** – director  
**Daniel Jeong** – violin

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano  
**Hallie Blair Quatro** – vocalist

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”



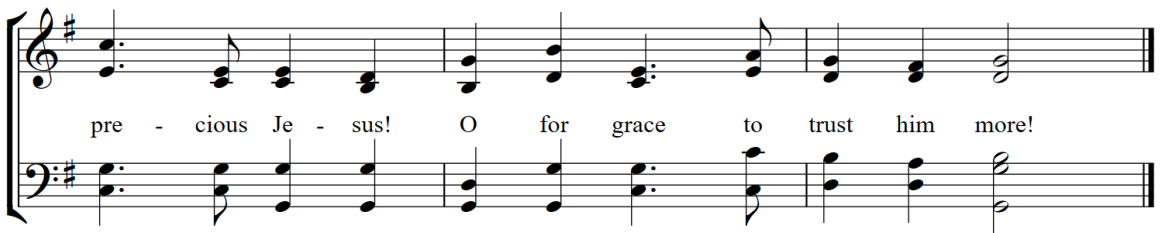
1.'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word; just to rest up-  
2.O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his clean-sing blood; just in sim - ple  
3.Yes,'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Je - sus  
4.I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend; and I know that



on his pro-mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord." Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him!  
faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood!  
sim-ply ta - king life and rest, and joy and peace.  
thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



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!

## Acts 18:1-18a

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>6</sup>But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

<sup>12</sup>While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him into court. <sup>13</sup>“This man,” they charged, “is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.”

<sup>14</sup>Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you.

<sup>15</sup>But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.” <sup>16</sup>So he had them ejected from the court. <sup>17</sup>Then they all turned on Sosthenes the synagogue ruler and beat him in front of the court. But Gallio showed no concern whatever.

<sup>18</sup>Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time.



## SERMON NOTES

“God’s Faithfulness to His Discouraged Servant”

*Acts 18:1-18a*

God’s faithfulness to his discouraged servant is clearly seen in:

1. His timely provision of Christian friends and fellowship (vv. 2-6)
  - New and old friends in Christ
  
  - Good news and sacrificial gift
  
2. His clear commands and encouraging promises (vv. 9-10)
  - Commands to fight the fear and stay the course
  
  - Promises of his presence, protection, and power!
  
3. His transformational power and providential protection (vv. 7-8, 12-18a)
  - Ministry fruit in unexpected places (vv. 7-8)
  
  - Providential protection through unexpected sources (vv. 12-18a)

“I was surprised; so much drunkenness, cursing and swearing (even from the mouths of little children) do I never remember to have seen and heard before in so small a compass of time. Surely this place is ripe for him who ‘came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

— John Wesley, 1742, upon arrival in a northern English city

Biographer Iain Murray on Wesley being *encouraged* instead of *discouraged* by the opposition he faced: “[Wesley knew] ‘the gospel of grace does not need promising conditions to make its reception a certainty.’”

## 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 WE REACH CAPACITY IN SOME OF OUR SERVICES**, it is especially important that everyone who is planning to attend on Sunday morning register for a service. **Please note that registration now closes on Saturdays at midnight**, and you may also now register for chapel seating. If you have trouble with service registration, please call the church office at 423-821-4528. You will know that you have successfully completed the registration process when you receive a confirmation email.

**CANCELING YOUR REGISTRATION:** If you are able, please cancel your registration if you are no longer planning to attend a service. Complete instructions on how to cancel may be found at [lmpc.org/service-registration](http://lmpc.org/service-registration).

**OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE** for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army will begin this Wednesday, September 2. We will accept food donations in the porte cochere every Wednesday and Friday through Friday, September 18. We have bags with lists available to pick up at the church today, though it is not necessary to pick up a bag to participate. You can find more information and a shopping list at [lmpc.org/build-a-bag](http://lmpc.org/build-a-bag).

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



## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, August 30*

9:00 a.m.   Worship service ..... *sanctuary & fellowship hall*  
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*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.*

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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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.