



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*  
*arr. Wilbur Held*

## Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

## \* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

**All: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

\* Hymn of praise

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

1. I sing th'al-might - y pow - 'r of God that made the moun-tains rise, that  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r\_ be - low but makes your\_ glo - ries known; and

spread the flow - ing seas\_ a - broad and built the\_ loft - y skies. I\_  
formed the crea-tures with\_ his\_ word, and then pro - nounced them good. Lord,  
clouds a - rise and tem - pests\_ blow by or - der\_ from your throne; while

sing the wis - dom\_ that\_ or - dained the sun to rule the day; the  
how your won - ders\_ are\_ dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye, if  
all that bor - rows\_ life\_ from\_ you is ev - er in your care, and

moon shines full at his\_ com - mand and all the\_ stars o - bey.  
I sur - vey the ground I\_ tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
ev - ery - where that man\_ can\_ be, you, God, are\_ pre - sent there.

\* **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**

based on Psalm 85:8-9 and Acts 3:19

The LORD promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not return to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell among his people.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral prayer**

“Healer of My Soul”

Ensemble and congregation

Ensemble: Healer of my soul, keep me at evening.  
Keep me at morning, keep me at noon, healer of my soul.

Keeper of my soul, on rough courses faring,  
help and safeguard my means this night, keeper of my soul.

I am tired, astray and stumbling.  
Shield my soul from the snare of sin.

**All: Healer of my soul, keep me at evening.  
Keep me at morning, keep me at noon, healer of my soul.**  
*text and music by John Michael Talbot, arr. Carol Browning*

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## \* Hymn of assurance

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"



1. Man of Sor-rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
 2. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;  
 3. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

*text and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875; HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!*

## \* Scripture reading from Acts 19:13-22

Joe Novenson

<sup>13</sup>Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup>One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

<sup>17</sup>When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. <sup>18</sup>Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. <sup>20</sup>In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. <sup>21</sup>After all this had happened, Paul decided to go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. "After I have been there," he said, "I must visit Rome also." <sup>22</sup>He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he stayed in the province of Asia a little longer.

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**

**"The Extraordinary Power of God"**  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. God's sovereign power exposed and humiliated those who sought to exploit his name. (vv. 13-16)
2. God's sovereign power brought conviction and change to those who believed in his name. (vv. 17-20)

**BIG IDEA:** True transformational power is not found in using Jesus' name in a detached, magical fashion but is only found through true faith in the person and work of Jesus.

**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“O Church, Arise”

1.O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our cap -  
2.Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -  
3.Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -  
4.So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give\_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -

tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the  
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will  
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the  
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a

strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of  
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry  
con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -  
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the

truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
side, we know the outcome\_ is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died, an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.  
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Wilbur Held

\* Congregation standing as you are able

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### Musicians for this week:

**Rachel Beckmann** – cello  
**Randall Crenshaw** – piano

**Ensemble**  
**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Celebrating the baptism** of Duncan Drake Wiggins at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Bronwen and Newton Wiggins, and his grandparents, Jane Wiggins and Matt Wiggins.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Georgia Rochelle Marshall at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Rochelle and Cal Marshall, and her grandparents, Susan and Calvin Marshall, and Carmen and Jeff Taylor.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN.** All members are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for the elder and deacon classes of 2024. Information about the nomination process may be found at [lmpc.org/nomination-process](http://lmpc.org/nomination-process). You may submit your ballot online at [lmpc.org/nominations](http://lmpc.org/nominations) OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. Please pray about whom you might recommend to be nominated, as this is an important responsibility of your membership at LMPC. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, September 30. Questions? Email [nominations@lmpc.org](mailto:nominations@lmpc.org).

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE:** Since our morning services have reached full capacity, we will be adding a 5th worship service beginning Sunday, September 27, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This service will be identical to the morning fellowship hall services. Those who attend may register for seating in the fellowship hall or seating in the courtyard. Those sitting in the courtyard will need to bring their own chairs and set them up with social distancing maintained between households. In the courtyard, masks will only be required during singing. A nursery and a Pre-K through 5th grade children's program will be offered during the service. Children must be registered to be in the nursery or the children's program.

**ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT?** Come meet our adult discipleship team and learn what opportunities you might be interested in at LMPC. We will meet in the courtyard immediately after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services today for a brief informational gathering. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the Reception Room. Please come and hear how you can be involved in the life of LMPC while you are in college.



**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE USE OF OUR REDESIGNED SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, "FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN: RESOURCES FOR CONTINUED STUDY."** This new resource is designed to allow both individuals and groups to continue studying the sermon passage. There is also a new section entitled "Family Dinner Table," with questions for families to use. To access today's resource, visit [lmpc.org/sermons](http://lmpc.org/sermons).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE?** The Marriage Course is a video series that can help you do just that, and is open to members and friends of LMPC. The course will be held on seven Tuesday evenings beginning October 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room. Each couple sits at their own table and there is no sharing with others. Dessert will be provided. Interested? Just send an email to [marriagecourse@lmpc.org](mailto:marriagecourse@lmpc.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will welcome Dr. Irwyn Ince for a discussion of his recent book, *The Beautiful Community: Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best*. Dr. Ince serves as a pastor at Grace DC Presbyterian Church and director of the Grace DC Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission. Registration via Realm is required. Please join us!

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