

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11, 2020 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

David Caines, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of praise

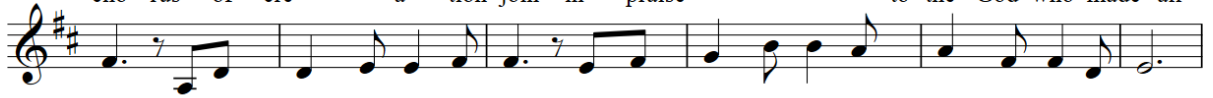
“Rejoice in All Your Works”



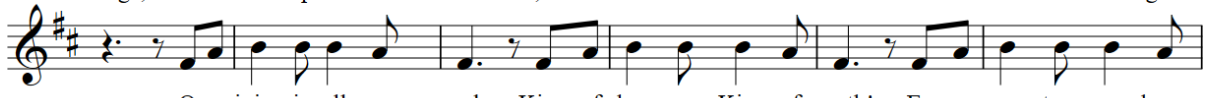
1. E - very mouth that cries for food, e - very lung that yearns for breath, e - very
2. E - very tree that thirsts for rain, e - very bird that seeks its nest, e - very
3. May the pon-d'rings of my heart and the song u - pon my lips with the



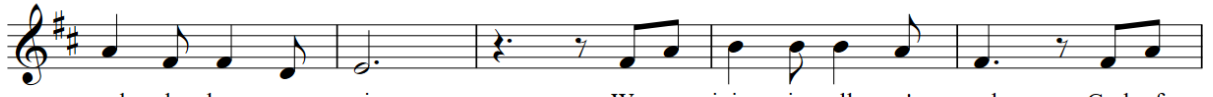
eye that sear-ches through the dark for light, all cre - a - tion looks to
heart that waits in hope to be made glad, all cre - a - tion looks to
cho - rus of cre - a - tion join in praise to the God who made all



you for its breath and for its food; from the good-ness of your hand we're sa-tis-fied.
you for its breath and for its food; from the good-ness of your hand we're sa-tis-fied.
things, to the Spi - rit who sus tains, to the Son who o - ver all cre -a-tion reigns.



O re-joice in all your works, King of hea-ven, King of earth! E-very crea-ture you have



made de-clares your praise. We re - joice in all you've made, God of



all sus-tai - ning grace; with the moun-tain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.

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* Prayer of adoration

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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 Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of
the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to
show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins
underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"
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"To Thee I Come"

1. To thee I come, a sin-ner poor, and wait for mer - cy at thy_ door.
 2. To thee I come, a sin-ner vile, up - on me, Lord, vouch-save to__ smile.
 3. To thee I come, a sin-ner lost, nor have I aught wher - in to__ trust.

— In - deed, I've no - where else to flee. O God, be mer-ci-ful_ to me.
 — Mer - cy through blood, I make my plea. O God, be mer-ci-ful_ to me.
 — But where thou art, Lord, I would be. O God, be mer-ci-ful_ to me.

— To thee I come, a sin-ner weak, and scarce know how to pray or
 — To thee I come, a sin-ner great, and well thou know-est all my
 — To glo-ry bring me Lord at last and there, when all my sins are

1.2.

— speak. From fear and weak - ness set me free. O God, be mer-ci-ful_ to me!
 — state. Yet full for - give - ness is with thee.
 — past, with all the saints I'll then a - gree:

3.

— God was mer-ci-ful_ to me! — O, God was mer-ci-ful_ to me! —

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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Acts 2 and Romans 4, 5

Leader: God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

All: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

* Hymn of assurance

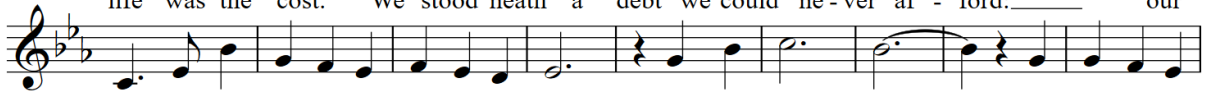
“His Mercy Is More”



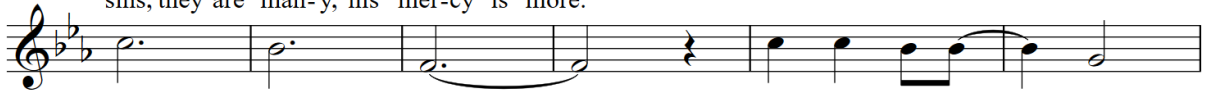
1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, he
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What ri - ches of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment, his



counts not their sum; thrown in - to the sea with - out bot - tom or shore: _____ our
call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor: _____ our
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford: _____ our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, _____ his mer - cy is
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn, _____ our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

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Hymn of thanksgiving

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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“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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* Scripture reading from Acts 20:13-21

Alison Johnston

¹³We went on ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we were going to take Paul aboard. He had made this arrangement because he was going there on foot. ¹⁴When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene. ¹⁵The next day we set sail from there and arrived off Kios. The day after that we crossed over to Samos, and on the following day arrived at Miletus. ¹⁶Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. ²⁰You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon *"The Unmistakable Marks of Christian Living"*
 Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

The unmistakable marks of Christian living are:

1. Consistency evident to all (v. 18)
2. Humble and whole-hearted service (vv. 13-16, 19)
3. A commitment to winsome and wise presentation of biblical truth (vv. 19b-20)
4. An ability to clearly present the Gospel (vv. 20b-21)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"*
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"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood?
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi - nite his grace!),
 3. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in him, is mine!

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 hum - bled him - self (so great his love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy
 A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -

love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A -
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
 preach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 A - maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God,

* **Benediction**

* **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.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Kelsey Bazzel – vocalist

Micah Davis – french horn

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Rebekah Risley – vocalist

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Bob Wharton – piano

IN MEMORIAM

David Ferguson Moore

September 12, 1935 – October 2, 2020

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, October 14. Drive-thru pick-up will be under the porte cochere from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Registration for meals via Realm is currently open through Tuesday, October 13. The cost of each meal is \$5 with a \$25 maximum for a family of 5 or more. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place on Sunday, October 25. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries and he will preach at all five services. For more information on this sermon series, please visit lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series.

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!

THE LIBRARY: A BLISSFUL REALITY: There's at least one thing that hasn't changed due to the pandemic. You can still visit the church library whenever the church is open and check out a great book to curl up with in the evenings or on a foggy Sunday afternoon. The library has wonderful resources for Bible study and homeschooling, loads of children's books, brilliant novels, and engrossing histories and biographies—just to name a few of the treasures waiting for you on the shelves. And now it's easier than ever to use the library with a new, updated catalog and an automatic scanner when you're ready to check out. Wishing the world would return to the way things used to be? Step into the library and breathe a sigh of relief and delight.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Annual Budget: \$5,071,750

2020 Giving YTD: \$3,305,828

Remaining gifts needed: \$1,765,922

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,259,210

Unpledged Giving Needed: \$506,711

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. You are welcome to continue giving online, by mailing a check, or through your bank bill pay application. There are also offering plates available as you exit the worship services today. lmpc.org/give.

NOTE ABOUT COVID-19 EXPOSURE REPORTING

As far as we know, we have been blessed to have had no COVID-19 exposures of members or staff on the LMPC campus. However, if you or a family member develops COVID-19 within a week of attending a worship service or another activity at LMPC, we ask you to please notify David Fowler at david@lmpc.org or 423-424-5602. We will keep your name confidential, but it is important that we notify others who may have been exposed to the virus. Please also pray that the Lord continues to protect us from the virus.