

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2020 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 62 and Psalm 63

Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

All: **He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. You, O God, are strong, and you, O Lord, are loving. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

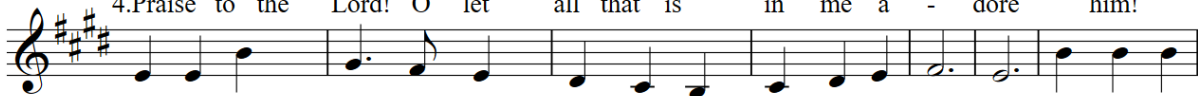
All: **I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

* Hymn of praise

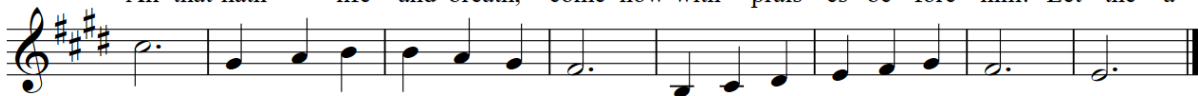
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



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.

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on 1 John 1 and Romans 13

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.

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

Leader: Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

All: We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life that we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

* Hymn of assurance

*"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"
(continue scrolling for words and music)*

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's -
 2. E're_ since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup -
 3. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose_ its_

veins; and_ sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y
 ply, re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and_ shall be till I
 pow'r, till_ all the ran - somed church of God be_ saved to sin no

stains: lose_ all their guilt - y stains,___ lose all their guilt - y___ stains; and_
 die: and_ shall be till I die,___ and shall be till_ I___ die; re -
 more: be_ saved to sin no more,___ be saved to sin_ no_ more; till_

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose_ all their guilt - y stains.
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and_ shall be till I die.
 all the ran - somed church of God be_ saved to sin no more.

Prayer of intercession for Metanoia Prison Ministries

Leader: O Lord, your Scriptures tell us that because of your great love we are not consumed, for your compassions never fail. They are new every morning, and great is your faithfulness. We pray that your love, your compassion, and your faithfulness would renew and advance the work of Metanoia Prison Ministries.

All: We ask that you would reveal yourself to men and women in prison who do not yet know you, and draw them into a life-giving and life-changing relationship with you. May they know your unfailing love and boundless grace and put their hope in you. For those who do know you, strengthen their faith and encourage their hearts by your Spirit.

Leader: We ask that you would protect these men and women from Covid-19, and that, when they feel afraid and helpless, they would find great comfort in you. Be with all who are grieving the loss of loved ones from the pandemic, and continue to give Metanoia wisdom as they seek to minister under such complicated circumstances.

All: We ask that you would raise up believers to become part of Metanoia's correspondence ministry, and allow new relationships between your people and prisoners to grow. Grant Metanoia access where they currently have none, and provide new opportunities for connection and friendship. We thank you, Lord, for Metanoia's work produced by faith, their labor prompted by love, and their endurance inspired by hope in your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask that you would continue to establish the work of their hands. Amen.
Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Psalm 90:17

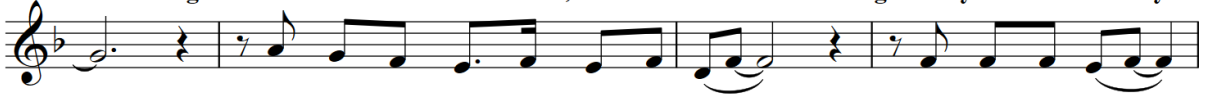
Hymn of preparation

*"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"
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"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"



1. Give	to the winds thy fears,	_____	hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Still	hea - vy is your heart?	_____	Still sink your spi - rits down?
3. Leave	to his sov - ereign sway	_____	to choose and to__ com - mand.
4. You	see our weak - ness, Lord,	_____	our hearts are known to thee. _
5. Through waves and clouds and storms,	_____	_____	he gent - ly clears the way. _



_____	God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, _	_____	our God will lift up, _
_____	Cast off the weight, let fear de - part, _	_____	and ev - 'ry care, _
_____	Then shalt thou, wan - d'ring, own his way, _	_____	how wise, how strong, _
_____	O lift thou up our sink - ing hearts,	_____	to know thy mer - cy, _
_____	Wait thou his time; so shall this night _	_____	soon end in joy, _



our God will lift up, _____	our God will lift up thy head.
and ev - 'ry care, _____	and ev - 'ry care _____ be gone.
how wise, how strong, _____	how wise, how strong - his hand.
to know thy mer - cy, _____	to know thy mer - cy and pow'r.
soon end in joy, _____	soon end in joy - ous day.

text by Paul Gerhardt, 1656, translated by John Wesley; music by Jon Caudill, 2002

* Scripture reading from Acts 20:22-38

Will Givens

²²"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. ²⁵Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

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²⁸“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³²Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³“I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. ³⁷They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. ³⁸What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Parting Words to Lead and Live By”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

More unmistakable marks of Christian living:

1. Commitment to Spirit dependence and Kingdom purpose (vv. 22-27)
2. Awareness of need for God’s watchful and relational care through his church (vv. 28-32, 36-38)
3. Reputation of generosity rather than greed (vv. 33-35)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“A Hymn for All the World”

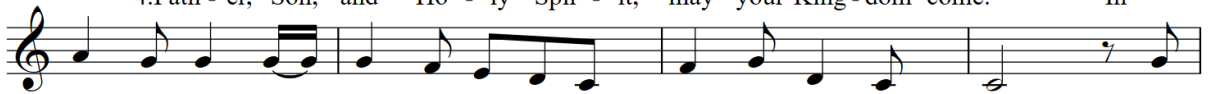


1. There is no place in all the world you do not call your own. Cre -

2. We, your peo - ple, call to you, ask - ing for your help. O

3. All - see - ing Lord, now look to those in ci - ty and in field, who

4. Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, may your King - dom come. In

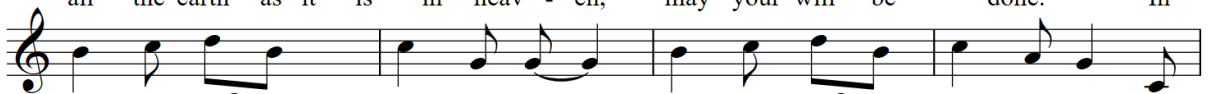


a - tor of all peop - les, ev - 'ry nat - ion, ev - 'ry tongue, from

God, be mer - ci - ful to those whose pain we've ne - ver felt.

seek to spread your fame and love, this bro - ken world to heal.

all the earth as it is in heav - en, may your will be done. In

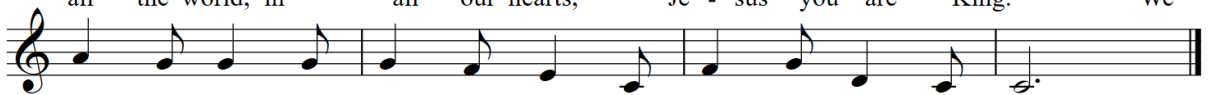


ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth bound - less is your reign. —

Give them rest from world - ly sor - row, bless them, Lord, with food to eat. We

See your per - se - cu - ted child - ren, soothe their vio - lent wounds.

all the world, in all our hearts, Je - sus you are King. We



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, hear us sing your praise.

ask you, Gen - tle Shep - herd, call the ones who are your sheep.

In their weak - ness be their strength that they might hope in you.

wait, we hope, we trust, we know, your face might hope in you. shall see.

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* 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:

Kellie Currin – vocalist

Abi Davis – clarinet

Anna Davis – flute

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Melanie Ray – vocalist

John Reeder – piano

Jeremy Taylor – piano

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Chamberlain Shuck

September 14, 1953 – October 9, 2020

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTARY PARENTS: We will be offering a new “Sunday School in a Box” unit this week for at-home Sunday School this fall. Please visit lmpc.org/children/sunday-school for more information and to register. You can sign up for drive-thru box pick-up for tomorrow, October 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, October 21. 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 20. 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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for our next Large Group Women’s Bible Study gathering this Thursday, October 22. Registration is via Realm, and more information and a schedule can be found at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place next 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!

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