



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

adapted from Psalm 90 by Isaac Watts, 1719; arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and announcements

Derek Halvorson, President of Covenant College

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one
can fathom.

**All: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell
of your mighty acts.**

Leader: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

**All: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your
might, so that all may know of your mighty acts. Let every creature
praise your holy name for ever and ever.**

* Hymn of praise

"For All the Saints"

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might;—
3. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the
4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
thee — by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O — Je - sus,
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well-fought fight; — thou, in the dark - ness
saints — tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the King of — glo - ry
gates — of pearl streams in the count - less host, sing - ing to — Fa - ther,
be for - ev - er — blest. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
drear, their one — true light.
pass - es on — his — way.
Son, and Ho - ly — Ghost.

text by William Walsham How, 1864; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, SINE NOMINE

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer of intercession for the church

Leader: Praise be to you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

All: **We give thanks for all the saints, and especially those members of the church whose lives and ministries are oppressed for the sake of the Gospel. We ask of you, great Father, to bless today our brothers and sisters of the persecuted church.**

Leader: Thank you for the humbling example of their bold witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May they be strengthened in their faith and assured of your active presence in their lives and our world.

All: **As we prepare for the upcoming national election, remind us that you are sovereign over all things, and we are your people. As part of your church, let us demonstrate to a polarized, angry, scared, unstable world, that we know our only comfort in life and in death is that we are not our own, but belong body and soul to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Help us all to see and celebrate the great unity in Christ to which all believers are called, and may opportunities abound to share with others your great love found at the cross and in the empty tomb.

All: May the church, here and around the world, be refreshed through your Word and strengthened through these prayers as we all grow in the knowledge of Christ. Amen.

Call to confession

taken from Hebrews 4:14-16

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. 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

Choral prayer

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Ensemble

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee.

Latin hymn; ADORE THEE

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our 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.

Hymn of assurance

“How Firm a Foundation”

Ensemble and congregation

**All: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?**

Ensemble: "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow.
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The fire shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

**All: "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

text by "K" in Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, FOUNDATION

*** Scripture reading from Acts 21:1-16**

Derek Halvorson

¹After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Cos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara.

²We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. ³After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

⁵But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. ⁶After saying good-bye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home. ⁷We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for a day. ⁸Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. ⁹He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

¹⁰After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" ¹²When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

¹³Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

¹⁵After this, we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶Some of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us and brought us to the home of Mnason, where we were to stay. He was a man from Cyprus and one of the early disciples.

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

"Moving Towards Suffering"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

As followers of Jesus, moving towards suffering, we need:

1. generous support from God's people. (vv. 1-4a, 5-9, 15-16)
2. wise discernment among God's people. (vv. 4b, 10-12)
3. Christ-like courage before God's people. (vv. 13-14)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives his_ grace,
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in his world to - day;

one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the_ race.
tak - ing his own task up - on_ us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.

Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,

let us share our life to - geth - er as we_ shall_ a - round his_ throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to_ an - swer_ now his_ call.

text by Thomas A. Jackson, 1973; music by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, AUSTRIAN HYMN

* Benediction

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“God of Our Fathers”
Norman Clayton, NATIONAL HYMN

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet
Ensemble

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Church Calendar Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Jeannine Allen — May 25, 2020
Dick Fowler — December 24, 2019
Julie Hailey — September 21, 2020
Esther Hamm — April 5, 2020
David Moore — October 2, 2020

Jeanne Salyer — November 21, 2019
Michael Shuck — October 9, 2020
Linda Wagner — December 26, 2019
Martha Webb — November 9, 2019

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, November 4. 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, November 3. 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.

OUR ANNUAL FALL WORK DAY to remove fallen leaves, weed landscape beds, and do general outdoor cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, with parents requested to supervise your own children. Water will be provided. If you are able, please bring leaf blowers, rakes, clippers, tarps, other yard tools, and gloves.

LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2021 BUDGET will be on Sunday, November 15. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2021. Members and regular attenders will receive more specific information about the 2021 budget in the mail soon. You can find more details at lmpc.org/budget-details-2021. This year, you can submit your giving plans in three different ways:

- under the "Giving" tab on your Realm profile
- online at lmpc.org/pledge-2021
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting it to the church office

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