

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

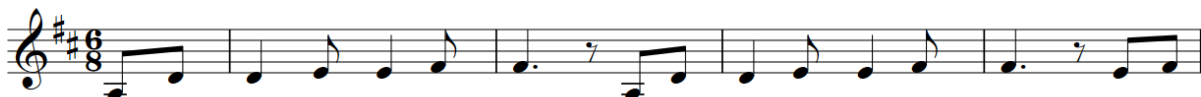
All: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

* Hymn of praise

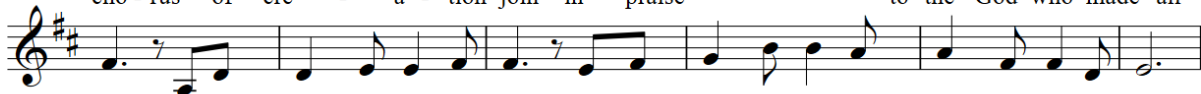
“Rejoice in All Your Works”



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.

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Call to confession

based on Matthew 22:35-40

An expert in the law tested Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Hymn of confession

"Come, Ye Sinners"

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus
2. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you
read - y stands to save_ you, full of pi - ty, love and power: he is
fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him; this he
tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver come at all: not the
a - ble, he is a - ble, he is will - ing; doubt_ no more; he is
gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spi - rit's ri - sing beam; this he
righ - teous, not the righ - teous; sin - ners Je - sus came_ to save; not the
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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and righ- teous- ness; I
2. When dark- ness veils his love- ly face, I rest on his un- chang- ing grace; in
3. His oath, his cov- e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm- ing flood; when
4. When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed

dare not trust the sweet- est frame, but wholl- y lean on Je- sus' name. On
ev- ery high and storm- y gale, my an- chor holds with - in the veil.
all a- round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
in his righ- teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Hymn of preparation

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing wa - ters
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub -



land; I am weak, but thou art migh - ty; hold me with thy power - ful
 flow; let the fier - ry cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney
 side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's



hand; Bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more;
 through; strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
 side; songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee;



Bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield.
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee.

text by William Williams, 1745; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002

* Scripture reading from Acts 27:1-26

Karen Welborn

¹When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. ²We boarded a ship from Adramyttium about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us. ³The next day we landed at Sidon; and Julius, in kindness to Paul, allowed him to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs. ⁴From there we put out to sea again and passed to the lee of Cyprus because the winds were against us. ⁵When we had sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia. ⁶There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷We made slow headway for many days and had difficulty arriving off Cnidus. When the wind did not allow us to hold our course, we sailed to the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone. ⁸We moved along the coast with difficulty and came to a place called Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea.

⁹Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Fast. So Paul warned them, ¹⁰“Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.” ¹¹But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. ¹²Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest. ¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the “northeaster,” swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. ¹⁷When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

²¹After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“God’s Grace in the Storms We Face”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. Providential difficulties mixed with surprising kindness (vv. 1-8)
2. Sound warnings ignored with disastrous results (vv. 9-20)
3. Unshakable foundations for courage in storms (vv. 21-26)
 - We belong to God.
 - We’re called to his service.
 - We’re given his revealed truth.
 - We’re granted faith in God.

BIG IDEA: Because of God’s grace, we can have courage and be encouragers in the midst of any storm.

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of
 4. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en -

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 dea - vor to shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake."

* **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:

Ismael Bartolome – violin
Charley Crichton – bass
Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocalist
Melanie Ray – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM

Delores Jane Peterson Williamson
April 13, 1927 – February 24, 2021

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Gray Patterson Currin, born to Kellie and Hank Currin on February 19.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDERS OF LMPC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SECOND OF TWO ONLINE SEMINARS designed to build awareness around sexual abuse and help us become better equipped to create a safe community for all at LMPC. The second seminar will take place today at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The seminars have been organized by LMPC as part of our response to the recent GRACE report and recommendations. If you did not receive an email with a Zoom link, please email diane@lmpc.org. You can find more information at lmpc.org/investigation.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 3. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. under the porte-cochere. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you have problems registering, please contact the church office.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND our next Semester in the Psalms Large Group meeting this Thursday, March 4. Registration is now open via Realm. You can register and find the full semester's schedule for both large and small group meetings at lmpc.org/women.

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