



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack to share important information with us. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- We have a limited capacity nursery available this morning, as well as a Sunday school class for Pre-K/K children. Prior registration is required.
- Coloring sheets and crayons are available for children. Please take crayons home with you.
- Tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at the exits.

Order of Worship

Prelude

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
arr. James Pethel

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Introit

“A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

Ensemble

The Lord's our rock, in him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm;
secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm.

O, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
O, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

O rock divine, O refuge dear, a shelter in the time of storm;
be thou our helper ever near, a shelter in the time of storm.
text by Vernon J. Charlesworth, 1880; music by Ira David Stankey, 1885

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

* Hymn of praise

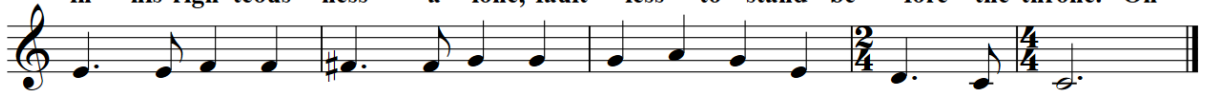
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



All 1. My hope is built on no-thing less than Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; I
Choir 2. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when
All 3. 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 whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On
all a-round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On
in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne. On



Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
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text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by John B. Dykes, arr. Michael Burkhardt, MELITA

* 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."

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

"Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness"

Ensemble

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,
that I may come to know thee,
and in thy presence serve thee with gladness,
and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

text by Samuel Wesley and George F. Strickling; music by Samuel Wesley, 1810-1876

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
(please see the following page for words and music)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy_ law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy_ cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids_ close in death,
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,
be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and_ pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I_ die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in_ thee.

text by Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984, NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

* **Scripture reading from Acts 27:1-26**

text printed in the bulletin

Hilda Jemison (9:00)

Zach Walley (11:00)

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

“God’s Grace in the Storms We Face”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

1.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made; your might - y word was
 2.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man; no pow'rs of death or
 3.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain, trans - mut - ing earth - ly
 4.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now, but soon be - fore your

spo - ken and light and life o - beyed. Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and
 dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan. All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su -
 sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain. All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as
 tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow. With this glad hope be - fore us our

bounds the o - cean's shore, sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 preme in time and space, you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 none but Con - qu'ror could, your love pur - sues its pur - pose: our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 faith springs up a - new: our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

text by Margaret Clarkson, 1982; music by Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615, ST. THEODULPH

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Sonata No. 4
I. Allegro con brio
Felix Mendelssohn

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

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.

Acts 27:1-26

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.”

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING THIS WEEK, we will no longer be dismissing by rows at the end of the service. Your assistance in making it possible for those who wish to exit quickly or maintain social distancing is greatly appreciated. When weather permits, please enjoy visiting outside rather than remaining in the building.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 28

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	via Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Abuse Prevention & Response Training.....	via Zoom
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	fellowship hall

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first and second Sundays of every month, one Sunday in the sanctuary and one Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please see the church website for more details.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.