



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World”
arr. John Carter

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Chiming of the hour

Girls Ensemble

*** Call to worship**

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

* Hymn of praise

"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of praise with
2. All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with
3. Let earth be glad, let bil - lows roar and all that dwell from

sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by him are
shouts re - jice; with voice of joy and loud ac -
shore to shore; let floods clap hands with one ac -

done, his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
claim let all u - nite and praise his name.
cord, let hills re - jice be - fore the Lord.

text from Psalm 98, from Associate Reformed Presbyterian Psalter, 1931; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

* Prayer of adoration

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to confession

taken from Romans 12 and Proverbs 28

I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“We Are an Offering”

Girls Ensemble

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering,
we are an offering.

music and text by Dwight Liles, 1984, arr. Tom Fettke

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5 and Hebrews 12

Leader: At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

All: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

* Hymn of assurance

"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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²⁷On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. ²⁸They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. ²⁹Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. ³⁰In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. ³¹Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it fall away.

³³Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. "For the last fourteen days," he said, "you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven't eaten anything. ³⁴Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." ³⁵After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷Altogether there were 276 of us on board. ³⁸When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

³⁹When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. ⁴⁰Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. ⁴²The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴The rest were to get there on planks or on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land in safety.

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

"Help and Hope in the Shipwreck"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

When we are stuck, broken, and wrecked with all hope lost, we have and need Christlike help that:

1. protects us from foolishness. (vv. 27-32)
2. provides us with nourishment. (vv. 33-38)
3. points us toward selfless, trustworthy love. (vv. 39-44)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand;
let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;
Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side;

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me till I want no more. shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”
arr. Howard Helvey

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Girls Ensemble:

Amy Allison
Kaitlyn Allison
Deborah Kvale
Joanna Kvale
Bethany Oster

Beata Shivy
Ruth Shivy
Victoria Wardell
Noel Warren

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Ella Katherine Smisson, born to Bethany and Matthew Smisson on March 1.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 10. 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 cochère. 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is Monday, March 22.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE will take place April 16-18, 2021. Join us as we explore the topic of "Powering Missions Through Prayer." We will have several events during the weekend for which pre-registration will be required. Please make plans to attend this special weekend in the life of our church!

OUR CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER GROUP continues to meet by Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the group is to provide inspiration, information, and intercession to caregivers. This group is for those who are caring for a loved one or are having to make decisions about care. You may contact Ed Salter for more information at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

COMING SOON! WE WILL BE OFFERING IN-PERSON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 14-17, 2021. All children who will have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join the fun as we learn what it means to "...press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) Volunteer information will be available soon, and registration for children will be open in late April.