

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Don Kent, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 19 and Psalm 47

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.



* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession Proverbs 28:13-14

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your

sight.

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in

the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a

steadfast spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from

me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing

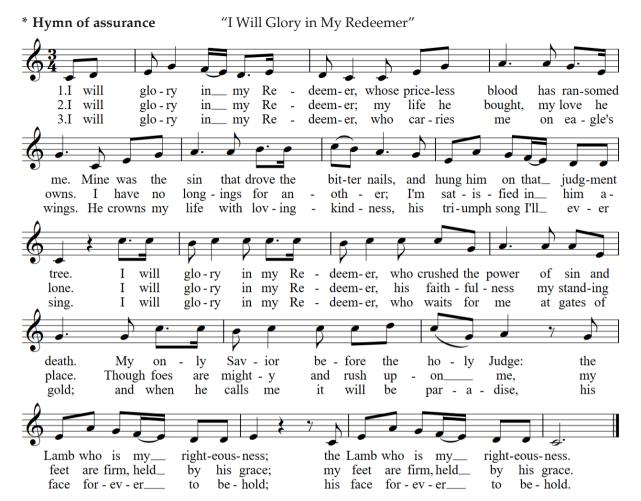
spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

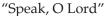
taken from Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.



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Hymn of preparation "Speak, O Lord" (continue scrolling for words and music)





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* Scripture reading from Acts 28:1-16

Rebekah Risley

¹Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ²The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. ⁸His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. ¹⁰They honored us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

¹¹After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island. It was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux. ¹²We put in at Syracuse and stayed there three days. ¹³From there we set sail and arrived at Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found some brothers who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged. ¹⁶When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

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

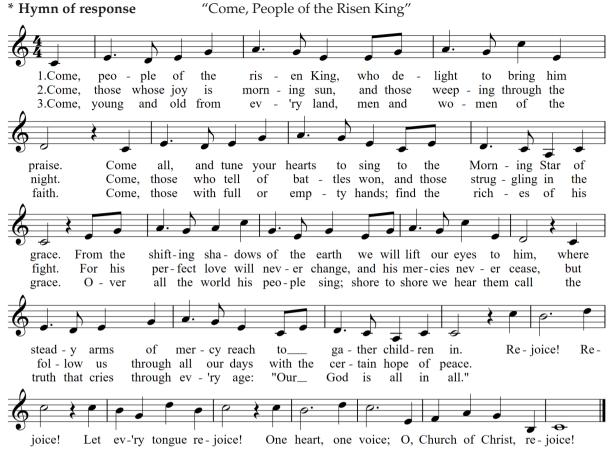
Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon"Unusual Kindness and Remarkable Power"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

1. God's provision of unusual kindness to those who are weary and worn

2. God's display of remarkable power over the sea, snake, and sickness

Pastoral prayer



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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:

Stephen Bearden – flugelhorn David Henry – guitar, vocalist Hannah Pulliam – flute Rebekah Risley – vocalist Charlotte Reeder – vocalist John Reeder – piano Chapman Whitted – guitar John Wingard – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE WONDERING WHEN OUR CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS will change now that many are being vaccinated. Our Covid response team will be meeting this Thursday, March 18. In the meantime, please continue to register for worship and to cancel your registration if you are no longer coming.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO MEET each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom through May 23. Today, March 14, we begin a new series focusing on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can register to attend the class via Realm. For more information on our spring schedule visit lmpc.org/sunday-school.

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF WIDOWS HARVEST we are currently collecting bottles of laundry detergent, disinfecting wipes (Lysol or Clorox), bottles of dish soap, and Dove soap bars. Our collection will run today through March 19, and donations can be left in the marked box in the fellowship hall lobby. Right now our collection is limited to these specified items only. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org.

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 flowers is Monday, March 22.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 17. 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 18. Registration is now open via Realm. You can register and find the full semester's schedule and recordings at lmpc.org/women.

COME SERVE THE CHURCH! A SPRING WORK DAY IS PLANNED for this Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Work will include weeding landscape beds, applying mulch, cleaning up leaves, and painting parking lot lines at the Jane Harris Youth Building. All are welcome for any amount of time! Bring useful tools and work gloves if you have them. Families are requested to supervise their own children in the work.

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