

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 28, 2021 | Sanctuary Service | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday

**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	<i>Grand Chœur</i> in B flat major from <i>Théodore Dub</i> e	1 0	ие	
Welcome and announcements		Joe Novenson, p	Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults	
Introit	"Hosanna, Loud Hos	sanna"	Ensemble	
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King; O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice! <i>text from Matthew</i> 21:15, 16 by Jenette Threlfall; music from Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg, 1784, arr. Bruce Greer, ELLACOMBE			zogl,	

#### \* Call to worship

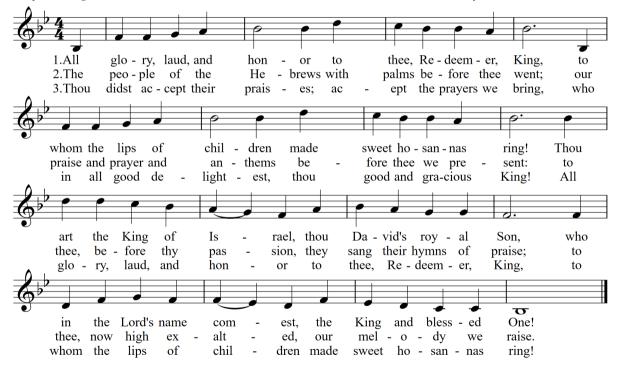
- Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?
- All: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory!

#### Leader: Open for us the gates of righteousness.

All: We will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. We give you thanks, for you answered us and have become our salvation.

\* Hymn of praise

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



text by Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; music by Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615, st. THEODULPH

#### \* Prayer of adoration

#### \* Affirmation of faith

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 Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

#### **Prayer of confession**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. *adapted from* The Worship Sourcebook

#### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral meditation

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day, hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" is all their breath and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite? He made the lame to walk and gave the blind their sight. What injuries, yet these are why the Lord Most High so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend. My song is love unknown; love unknown. *text by Samuel Crossman; music by J. Baptiste Calkin, arr. Molly Ijames, 2012* 

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on John 3:16-17 and Ephesians 5:1-2

- Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- All: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

All: Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!

\* Hymn of assurance

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" (please turn the page for words and music)

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text by Frank Houghton, 1894-1972; French carol melody, arr. Charles H. Kitson, 1930, Quelle EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

* Scripture reading from Matthew 21 text printed in the bulletin	:1-11 Rob Witcher (9:00) Christy McGuffey (11:00)			
This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>				
* Doxology				
Praise God from whom all bl praise him, all creatures here praise him above, ye heavenl praise Father, Son, and Holy Amen.	below; y host;			
Prayer of preparation for the study	of God's Word			
1	ermon "The Triumphal Entry of the Passover Lamb of God" Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry			
Pastoral prayer				
* Hymn of response	"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (please turn the page for words and music)			
* Benediction				
* Congregational response	"Threefold Amen"			
* Postlude "Ho	osanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Albert Travis			

\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Musicians for this week:

Ensemble Joy Gibbons - director Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Bells:

Margaret Compton Christie Dodson

Jennifer West Stephanie Wharton

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"



text by Charles Wesley, 1746; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID 19 PROTOCOL UPDATE**: The Session, on the recommendation of the Covid Response Team, has approved the following changes in our Covid protocols: increased capacity in all four worship services with 3 ft. spacing between families (chapel to maintain 6 ft. spacing), service time schedule change to 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and discontinuation of extensive cleaning between services. Masks are still required for all services and in the church building during the week. Please email Frank Hitchings at frank@lmpc.org or David Fowler at david@lmpc.org with questions about these changes.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 31. 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.

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**, "**POWERING MISSIONS THROUGH PRAYER**," will take place April 16-18. We will welcome Dr. Lloyd Kim, Coordinator of Mission to the World, as well as several supported missionaries as our guests. Please make plans to join us and look for further details to come at lmpc.org/world-missions-conference-2021.

**MEN OF LMPC: JOIN US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 24** from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. as we fellowship, share breakfast together, and hear a word of encouragement from Benjie Slaton, pastor of Grace & Peace in Ooltewah. This event will be held on the JHYB lawn, so bring an outdoor chair. Feel free to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along as well! Registration is now open via Realm.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS has been called by the Session, to take place in each worship service on Sunday, April 25. Information about the nominees will be made available leading up to the meeting.

**WOMEN OF LMPC: YOU ARE INVITED TO GATHER** together for a day of outdoor recreation and fellowship on Saturday, May 1. We will offer groups for hiking, walking, and coffee at both 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and you may register for your preferred activity and time slot. Registration through Realm opens this Thursday, April 1.

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

**The rosebuds in the sanctuary** today are for the birth of Catharine Constancia Elwell, born to Hannah and Enoch Elwell on March 15, and for the adoption of Sadie Mae Wharton by Stephanie and David Wharton on March 18.

# Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

<sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

### HOLY WEEK 2021 SERVICES

#### Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 1, 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and courtyard (nursery available)

- *Registration via Realm required for fellowship hall seating, courtyard seating, and nursery.*
- Masks are required in the fellowship hall and encouraged for the courtyard.
- Those registering for the courtyard will need to bring their own chairs.

# **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

April 2, 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and chapel (nursery available)

- Registration via Realm required for sanctuary seating, chapel seating, and nursery.
- Masks are required.
- *A livestream will be available at lmpc.org for those who cannot attend in person, and a recording will be available afterward.*

# Easter Sunrise Service

April 4, 7:15 a.m. at Point Park

- No registration required.
- Masks are encouraged, but not required.

# **Easter Sunday Services**

April 4, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, chapel, and fellowship hall (nursery available)

- *Registration via Realm required for all locations as well as nursery.*
- Masks are required at all services.
- *A livestream will be available at 9:30 a.m. for those who cannot attend in person.*

# SERMON NOTES

"The Triumphal Entry of the Passover Lamb of God" Matthew 21:1-11

1. A prearranged demonstration by a humble King (vv. 1-7)

2. A remarkable response from an enthusiastic crowd (vv. 8-9)

3. A crucial question purposely evoked by Jesus (vv. 10-11)

#### TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 28

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 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
		via Zoom
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Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

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

# STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details about how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Jennifer Welsh at jenniferwelsh@lmpc.org.

#### OUR MISSION

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

# CONTACT US

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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.