

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Prelude

"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust" arr. John Innes

Welcome and announcements

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

Introit

"Rise, My Soul, and Stretch Thy Wings"

Chancel Choir

Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings, thy better portion trace; rise from transitory things toward heaven, thy destined place. Sun and moon and stars decay, time shall soon this earth remove; rise, my soul, and haste away to seats prepared above.

Cease, my soul, then, cease to mourn, press onward to the prize; soon the Savior will return triumphant in the skies: yet a season, and we know happy entrance will be given, all our sorrows left below, and earth exchanged for heaven. Amen. text by Robert Seagrave, 1742; music from German carol, AMSTERDAM

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 57:9-11

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.

All: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

* Hymn of praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Men: All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Women: Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Choir: Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

All: O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;

we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. Amen.

text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden,

arr. James Mulholland, CORONATION

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Leader: People of God, what do you believe about God?

All: We believe that our God is all-sufficient. He has made and upholds

all things by the power of his Word. He is unchangeable and incorruptible. For ever and ever he is God over all, infinitely great

and glorious.

Leader: People of God, what do you believe about yourselves?

All: We believe that we are God's children and under his care. His

hands have made and fashioned us. He holds our souls eternally, and will not allow us to be lost. His divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness. He has redeemed our lives from destruction and crowned us with lovingkindness and tender mercies. His Holy Scriptures govern every part of our lives so that we may adorn the glory of his name.

adapted from Christ-Centered Worship

Call to confession Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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

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

Choral prayer

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Chancel Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever; Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever; for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ we do all adore thee.

text from Latin hymn, tr. and adapt. by Theodore Baker, 1899; music by Théodore Dubois, 1867, Adore thee

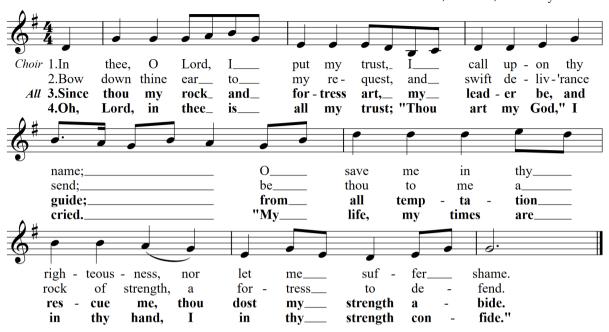
Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust" (continue scrolling for words and music)

^{*} Hymn of assurance



text from Psalm 31:1-4, 14, 15; music attr. to J.C. Lowry, 1818, arr. Tom Fettke, 1977, in thee, o lord

* Scripture reading from Luke 4:31-37

Steve Kaufmann

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

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.

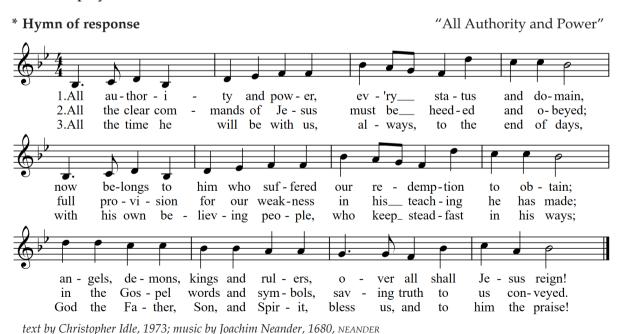
Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Authoritative Word of Jesus" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

- 1. Jesus' authoritative word astonishes people. (vv. 31-32)
- 2. Jesus' authoritative word rebukes evil. (vv. 33-35)
- 3. Jesus' authoritative word begs questions. (vv. 36-37)

Pastoral prayer



- * Benediction
- * Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"O Worship the King" arr. Paul Laubengayer

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight - organ

IN MEMORIAM Gail H. Marshall

October 12, 1939 - September 11, 2021

IN MEMORIAM Martha Jan Powell

January 22, 1940 - September 15, 2021

Celebrating the baptism of Ella Katherine Smisson at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Bethany and Matthew Smisson, her grandparents, Beverly and Wayne Pelts and Susan Smisson, and her great-grandparents, Dora and Bud Aylor.

Celebrating the baptism of Alice Marie Barham at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Amy and Robert Erle Barham, and her grandmother, Lindy Weiner.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the birth of Rhodes Hitchings Plating, born to Catherine and Zach Plating on September 9 and the birth of Louisa Margaret Hildebrand, born to Ellie and Jay Hildebrand on September 11.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN! Postcards have been mailed to all members inviting their participation in the officer nomination process. Please visit lmpc.org/nomination-process to access the following:

- A video about officer nominations
- A step-by-step explanation of the nomination process
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- A list of those eligible to serve as officers

You may submit nominations online at lmpc.org/nominations OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 1. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US next Sunday, September 26 for the RENEW Early Decision Night at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. At this event, we will hear from our lead pastor, Brian Salter, and we will respond to RENEW by making our commitments together. You don't want to miss this special evening of worship together as we launch the RENEW Campaign.

OUR FALL MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will take place on Thursday, September 30. Men will gather in groups of about 10 people at various homes to eat meat and enjoy great fellowship. You are welcome to invite your friends. Please send an email by Thursday, September 23 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to be a host, please email us at mountainmen@lmpc.org.

WHETHER YOU ARE NEWLYWEDS OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED MANY YEARS, THE MARRIAGE COURSE can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. LMPC will be offering the Marriage Course on Tuesday evenings beginning October 5 and continuing for seven weeks. The course is a video series where each couple sits at their own table and interacts only with one another. It will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening in the Conference Room, and dessert will be provided. Interested? Just send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 30 and the cost is \$45 per couple.

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

2021 FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31

Annual Budget: \$5,179,800 **2021 Giving YTD:** \$3,001,488

Remaining gifts needed: \$2,178,312 Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,214,527 Unpledged Giving Needed: \$963,785

As we head into the final quarter of the year, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and continue to give as you are led. We are grateful to God for the generosity of his people at LMPC. For more information on giving, visit lmpc.org/give.