



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 26, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\* Hymn of praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

\* Prayer of adoration

## Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

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.

### \* Hymn of assurance            "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:*     Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
                 Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

### Hymn of preparation            "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

*continued*

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016*

\* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 58:1-14**

Ross Ballenger

<sup>1</sup>“Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup>if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup>And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. <sup>13</sup>If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

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

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

### Sermon

"Relinquishing Empty Religion"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Empty religion leads to self-centered hypocrisy. (vv. 1-5)
2. Renewal of authentic faith leads to widespread Kingdom blessing. (vv. 6-14)

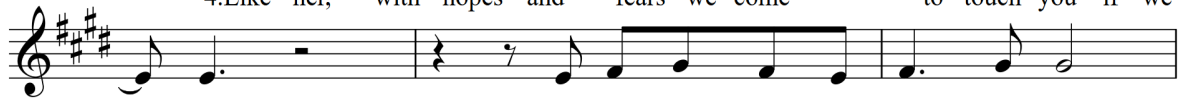
### Pastoral prayer

#### \* Hymn of response

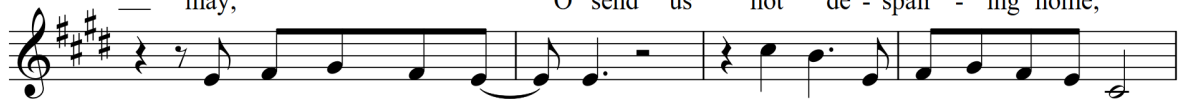
"Heal Us, Emmanuel"



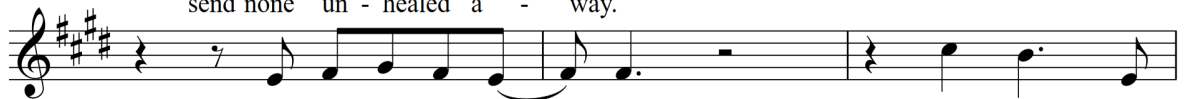
1. Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess, we faint - ly trust thy  
2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied, with trem - bling for re -  
3. She, too, who touched you in the press, and heal - ing vir - tue  
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch you if we



— word; but will you pi - ty us the less?  
— lief; "Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried;  
— stole, was an - swered, "Daugh - ter, go in peace;  
— may; O send us not de - spair - ing home;



Be that far from you, — Lord! Heal us, Em - man - uel here we are.  
"O help my un - be - lief!"  
thy faith has made thee — whole!"  
send none un - healed a - way.



We long to feel thy — touch. Deep wound - ed



souls to thee we fly; O, Sav - ior hear our — cry.

\* **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.**

**RENEW presentation**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Jonah Hitchcock** – cello  
**Maddie Lee** – piano  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Rebecca McCracken** – vocalist  
**Hannah Perry** – flute  
**Hallie Blair Quatro** – vocalist

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Marilyn Cross Doster**

September 19, 1930 – September 16, 2021

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall** today is for the birth of Henry Galbraith Wiggins, born to Bronwen and Newton Wiggins on September 17.

## **NEW PREACHING SERIES: RENEW**

We are in need of renewal. Thankfully, the prophet Isaiah provides a way for ongoing renewal in the latter part of his prophecy. He speaks hope to those who are in exile, facing much loss and threat while awaiting the fullness of God's coming Kingdom.

We, too, are in exile and far from home, feeling more and more like strangers in a foreign land. In many ways and on many fronts, it seems that the Kingdom lies in ruins around us in how people think, how they live, what they say, or what they cherish. How can we experience renewal in the ruins?

The road to Kingdom renewal is the same for us as it was for God's people then. The road to renewal is one of relinquishing, repenting, rejoicing, reflecting, and realigning. We will discover the truth of what Nancy Leigh DeMoss once said, "Revival is not just an emotional touch; it's a complete takeover."

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ATTENDED ONE OF OUR EARLIER RENEW VISION EVENTS, PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TONIGHT** for the RENEW Early Decision Night at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. At this service, 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.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN!** Please visit [lmpc.org/nomination-process](http://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](http://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](mailto:nominations@lmpc.org).

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** beginning this Wednesday, September 29. 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 portico. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528.

**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](mailto:marriagecourse@lmpc.org). The registration deadline is Thursday, September 30 and the cost is \$45 per couple.

**ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH** on Sunday, October 10 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please join us!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*









