



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 17, 2021 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Fiat Lux”
Théodore Dubois

Welcome and announcements

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

* Call to worship

Hebrews 1:1-3a and Psalm 98:2-4

Leader: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

All: The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

* Hymn of praise

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.
text by Ruth Duck, 1974; music by William H. Walter, 1894, FESTAL SONG

* 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

Choral prayer

“Light Everlasting”

Chancel Choir

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,
illumine our darkness and draw us to thee.

May we from thy Spirit receive inspiration
that brethren together thy wisdom may see.

Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation,
and help us, O Father, thy temple to be.

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,
illumine our darkness and draw us to thee.

Olaf C. Christiansen, 1948

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Leader: Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature, which I will struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Therefore, 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.

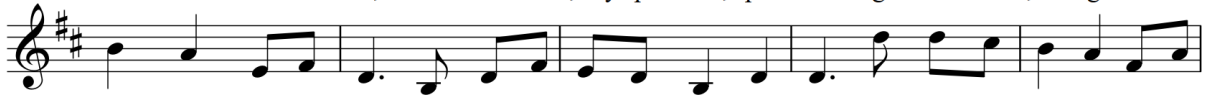
based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question 56 and Romans 8:1-2

* Hymn of assurance

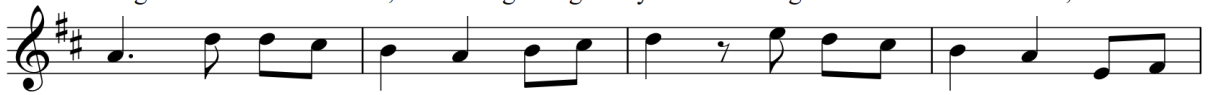
“Before the Throne of God Above”



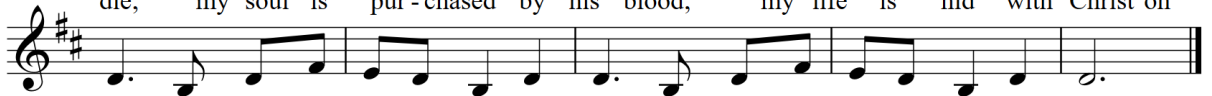
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on his
look and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior
chang - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self, I can - not



hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the Just, is sa - tis -
die; my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God; with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

* Scripture reading from Isaiah 60:1-3

Steve Kaufmann

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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

"Reflecting God's Glory"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. **The reason we shine:** our light has come (v. 1)
2. **The reason the light shines:** to drive out the darkness (v. 2)
3. **The result of the light's shining:** the drawing in of all nations (v. 3)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*
text and music by Kathleen Thomerson, 1970

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

RENEW presentation

* Postlude

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Evans Clark

December 12, 1959 – October 7, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Elise Crates

October 15, 1933 – October 8, 2021

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Jackson Douglas Nadeja, born to Stephanie and Michael Nadeja on October 12.

RENEW: THE GRACE OF GIVING DEVOTIONAL

A five-day devotional is being handed out to each family today. As we unite our hearts in appealing to God for renewal, please join together as a congregation in using this devotional for the next five days. The focus of RENEW is renewed hearts that will lead to renewal of people and place, and release of greater resources. May God use this devotional to renew our hearts and minds so that our participation in the RENEW Campaign is faithful and glorifying to him alone. If you prefer a digital copy, this free devotional is also available as an eBook by going to pcafoundation.com/the-grace-of-giving or by scanning the QR code.



SCAN ME

SERVE THE CITY SATURDAY & WIDOWS HARVEST COLLECTION

There is still time to register for Serve the City Saturday which will take place this Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please visit Realm to register for one of our four service opportunities with strategic partner ministries.

We are continuing to collect the below items for the Widows Harvest Food Boxes which will be assembled and delivered on Serve the City Saturday:

- Laundry Soap (no extra-large jugs please)
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Cleaning Wipes
- Dove Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer

Donations can be left in the Widows Harvest Collection Box in the fellowship hall lobby before Saturday.

Do you have plants to donate to the new garden at Amani Chattanooga, or equipment you would be willing to lend for the workday? If so, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office at stephanie@lmpc.org. The requested equipment includes turf removal hoes and post-hole diggers.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS

OUR NEXT MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST will take place on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for fellowship, breakfast, and a word of encouragement from Chris Talley, pastor of Lakeway Presbyterian Church in Morristown, Tenn. Invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A NEW EVENT, "THE BRIDGE," on Thursday, October 28 at the JHYB. The Bridge is a gathering of women of all ages to come together for fellowship and to hear how God has been at work in the life of one of our LMPC women. Peggy Michaels will be sharing her story at this gathering. Dinner will be provided for \$5 and we will gather at 6:00 p.m. Please register via Realm by Monday, October 25.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

IF YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING WITH MINORS HERE AT LMPC, or are just interested in learning more about our Child Protection Policy, please plan to attend one of these upcoming training opportunities:

- Sunday, October 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the Reception Room
- Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room

If you have any questions, please email greta@lmpc.org.

HEDGEHOG GROVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are interested in finding out more about this respite ministry, or if you are a new volunteer, please make plans to attend a Hedgehog Grove training meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. The Child Protection Policy will be presented, followed by specific information and training for ministering to elementary children with special needs and their families. For more information, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm? Keeping your photo current helps church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. You can use the Realm Connect app to keep your picture current by logging in, go to More → Profile → then tap the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Annual Budget: \$5,179,800

2021 Giving YTD: \$3,337,505

Remaining gifts needed: \$1,842,295

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,423,630

Unpledged Giving Needed: \$418,665

As we look toward the end of 2021, 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.