



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 31, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Fugue in C
Dieterich Buxtehude

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Introit

“Fight the Good Fight”

Chancel Choir

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ’s face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide;
God’s boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear; God’s arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

text by John Monsell, 1863; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 46

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn of praise 92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* Prayer of adoration

* Reformation affirmation

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm that you alone are worthy of all glory. Therefore, people of God, what is the chief end of mankind?

All: Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. This is our all-consuming purpose. Our every activity is to be sanctified to the glory of God alone.

(based on Westminster Shorter Catechism, question one)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. In him we have been chosen, in order that we might be for the praise of his glory.

(based on Ephesians 1)

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

(Revelation 5:13b and Romans 11:36)

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3 and Proverbs 28

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 1:19-22

For 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.

* Hymn of assurance 347, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

"The Church's One Foundation"

* Scripture reading from Isaiah 62:1-12

Joe Novenson

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

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

"Relying on God's Methods"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

As we seek the renewing work of God in us and through us:

1. We rely on the present methods God gives for Kingdom advancement: (vv. 1-7)
 - Proclamation of God's Kingdom which replaces desolation with delight. (vv. 1-5)
 - Prayer for God's Kingdom that is persistent and relentless. (vv. 6-7)
2. We rejoice in the future vision God completes in his glorious Kingdom. (vv. 8-12)
 - God's future vision is sure because of his promise. (vv. 8-9)
 - God's future vision is beautiful because of his Son. (vv. 10-12)

Pastoral prayer

RENEW presentation

* Hymn of commitment

“O Church, Arise”

1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our cap -
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -
tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a
strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the
truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger
cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died, an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

*“Festival Doxology”
arr. Donald P. Hustad*

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ
Eric Miller – trombone

Jacqueline Miller – trombone
Aaron Moore – trumpet
Nate Oster – timpani

IN MEMORIAM

Marilyn Laura Heath

May 16, 1931 – October 26, 2021

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of George Ryan Cleary, born to Laura and Ryan Cleary on October 22.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY FOR RENEW. If you would like to find out more about RENEW, you may pick up a booklet from around the church, visit lmpc.org/renew, or send an email to renew@lmpc.org. You can make your three-year financial commitment to RENEW by turning in a commitment card at the end of the service, or by pledging online at lmpc.org/renew or via Realm.

IN HONOR OF REFORMATION SUNDAY, WE WILL HOLD A SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE OF THANKS for the Reformation tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are invited to join.

HEDGEHOG GROVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: 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 this 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.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3! 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.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 FOR "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS," a ministry of GriefShare which deals with difficult issues for anyone who has lost a loved one to death. These issues are often magnified during the holiday season. We will explore concerns such as how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to find hope for the future. This encouraging seminar will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Reception Room at LMPC. Please register via Realm. For more information, contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING on Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The theme is "Come Ye Thankful, People, Come." Nursery will be provided.

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