



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 23, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”
arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise 164, vv. 1, 3, 4

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON

* Prayer of adoration

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

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Prayer of confession

Leader: As we come to you today to confess our weakness and rebellion against you, we thank you that you have chosen to love desperate sinners like ourselves.

All: **Your loving determination to rescue us from our sin gives us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our desires, thoughts, and actions.**

Leader: We are people who want our kingdoms to come and our wills to be done.

All: Instead of pursuing your wisdom with all our strength, we are delighted by our own wisdom and impressed with our own understanding.

Leader: We try to earn your love rather than resting in the radiant worthiness of your Son.

All: Father, forgive us. Give us your wisdom to behold our risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and worthy to receive all our worship, love, and praise.

adapted from Prone to Wander, Duguid

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Chancel Choir

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

text by Annie S. Hawks, 1872; music by Robert Lowry, 1872, arr. John Ness Beck, NEED

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 181, vv. 1, 2, 5**

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law’s demand.

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.
text by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory

"The Invitation"

Chancel Choir

Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart;
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
text adapted from Matthew 11:28-30; music by Ethan McGrath

*** 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 dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 5:27-32**

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²⁷After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

³⁰And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Faithfully Responding to Jesus’ Call”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

When we faithfully respond to Jesus’ call:

1. we will be willing to leave “everything.” (vv. 27-28)
2. we will desire to bring other outsiders to Jesus. (v. 29)
3. we will readily accept his diagnosis. (vv. 30-32)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 498**, vv. 1, 2, 5

“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, HYFRYDOL

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

Launch presentation

* **Postlude**

Postlude in 18th Century Style
Eric Thiman

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mike Czarick Jr. by his loving family.

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Haire Platt

August 15, 1936 – January 19, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

Warren Gregory Terry

October 20, 1947 – January 20, 2022

**TODAY IS LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN**

Thank you again for your faithfulness back in November 2021 in pledging to provide for the 3-year RENEW campaign. The money pledged for RENEW is going towards the restoration and reimagining of our existing church building along with a new administrative building. We are grateful for God's provision through you for this very vital "above and beyond" campaign.

Today we are launching our annual stewardship campaign, asking that you pledge towards the ongoing ministries and operational needs of the church for 2022. In order to plan appropriately, it is beneficial to the church officers and staff to have pledges for what you hope and plan to give.

Our regular annual ministry and operations needs for this year (separate from the special projects in the RENEW campaign) are \$5.3 million, which includes \$1.7 million for our missions partners and \$3.6 million for programs, maintenance, and staff compensation. This is an increase of 3% over the 2021 planned ministry and operations needs, primarily for a cost of living increase for the pastors and staff of the church, an increase in giving to our missions partners of \$42,000, and an increase in our capital reserve fund (for non-RENEW projects). An example of a non-RENEW capital project is the new heat and air system that was just installed in the nursery area for over \$200,000. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2022.

You can submit your giving plans in multiple ways:

- online at lmpc.org/give
- email pledge@lmpc.org
- place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to Woody Viveros in the church finance office

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR EVENING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service will include hymn singing, intercessory prayer and a homily. We will begin a study in 1 Peter. All are welcome to join.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED to join us for lunch **next Sunday, January 30** at 12:15 p.m. at the JHYB.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Are you caring for a loved one? Are you looking for resources and support in making care decisions? If so, you are invited to participate in our Care for the Caregiver group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Reception Room from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We also offer a Zoom option. Lee Ballenger and Ed Salter are our facilitators. For additional information contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS for adult study, children's choirs, fellowship dinner, and Wednesday elementary classes. A full schedule of activities can be found at lmpc.org/wednesday. To facilitate our planning, **please register via Realm for the fellowship dinner.**

A WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS based on Rebecca McLaughlin's book *Confronting Christianity* begins on February 9 in the Conference Room from 6:05 to 7:00 p.m. John Plating, Caroline Scruggs, and John Wingard will lead us as we consider and discuss dominant competing secular narratives on Christianity in our culture today. Please plan to join us!

PLEASE NOTE A TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE: OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY "UNFINISHED CALLING" will now be meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "A HOPE WORTH SHARING," beginning Wednesday, March 9. We are thankful to be able to gather together to hear more from guests visiting from around the world. Be on the lookout for more information about events in the weeks to come.

HEDGEHOG GROVE DATE CHANGE: Hedgehog Grove has been postponed until February 4. If you are available to volunteer, please email Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Have you lost a loved one to death? GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. We will meet on Fridays beginning February 4 through April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Your registration fee of \$20 includes a workbook. To register, visit lmpc.org/care-support, call the church office, or simply register at our first meeting. Contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com for further information.

EVEN A GREAT MARRIAGE CAN BE BETTER! Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. The course is open to members and friends of LMPC and will be held on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning February 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org or contact Larry Goodman at ldgoodman@sbcglobal.net.

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

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