



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 6, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

*"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!"
Latin hymn, 15th century, arr. Daniel Burton, 2018, DEO GRACIAS
words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #155*

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit

"God Be in My Head"

Girls Ensemble

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking, and in my looking.

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, God be in my heart;
God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.
text adapted from Book of Hours, 1514; music by Andrea Ramsey, 2010

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 98:1-6

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Leader: 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; make music to the LORD with harp and the sound of singing. Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

* Hymn of praise 115, vv. 1, 4, 5

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623, LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Girls Ensemble and Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

text from Irish poem, 8th century; arr. Alice Parker, 1976

* **Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Luke 6:1-11**

Joe Donnovin

¹On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

³And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" ⁵And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.

⁸But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Sabbath: Tragic Distortion and True Design”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. The tragic distortion of the Sabbath (vv. 1-2, 6-7)
2. The true design of the Sabbath (vv. 3-5, 8-11)

BIG IDEA: Jesus’ design for his people to have regular and rhythmic rest (Sabbath) is tragically distorted by man-made regulations.

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

Merrie Beth Eubanks – harp
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LMPC'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed last week. Please review the information carefully this year to ensure that your gifts were properly applied between the annual ministry needs and the RENEW campaign. If you did not receive a statement, please contact the church office.

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 this Wednesday, February 9 in the Upper Room from 6:05-7:00 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!

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SEMINAR, "IS IT ABUSE?," FEBRUARY 25-27. In an effort to assist our congregation with on-going training, the LMPC Safeguarding Team is holding a seminar presented by Darby Strickland based on her book, *Is It Abuse? A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*. In three sessions, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during both Sunday school hours, we will explore these topics and learn how to minister to those affected by abuse. In addition, there will be a Q & A Brown Bag Lunch Event for women only on Saturday from noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information on the seminar, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

WE WILL OFFER OUR ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS for youth, grades 6 to 12, interested in joining LMPC on March 4-6. The class will meet Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday school hour. Email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org for more information and to sign up. Please include the student's name, age, and grade in the email. The deadline to register is February 25.

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

STEWARDSHIP 2022

We are in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign, asking you to pledge a portion of what God provides to you 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. We are pleased to announce that we have received pledges from 34% of the church membership and 41% of the monies needed for the expected ministry needs.

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