



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 13, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Old Hundredth”
arr. Robert Wetzler

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 12

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD! Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.

All: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world! Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One of Israel among us!

* Hymn of praise 263

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Refrain*

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*
text by George W. Kitchin, 1887; music by Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916, CRUCIFER

*** Prayer of adoration**

Missionary report

Call to confession

based on Matthew 22:35-40

An expert in the law tested Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from 2 Corinthians 5

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

"'Tis the Church Triumphant Singing"

'Tis the Church triumphant singing, worthy the Lamb!
Heav'n thro'out with praises ringing, worthy the Lamb!
Thrones and pow'rs before him bending, odors sweet with voice ascending,
swell the chorus never ending, worthy the Lamb!

Ev'ry kindred, tongue, and nation—worthy the Lamb!
Join to sing the great salvation; worthy the Lamb!
Loud as mighty thunders roaring, floods of mighty waters pouring,
prostrate at his feet adoring, worthy the Lamb!

Harp and songs forever sounding, worthy the Lamb!
Mighty grace o'er sin abounding; worthy the Lamb!
By his blood he dearly bought us, wand'ring from the fold he sought us,
and to glory safely brought us: worthy the Lamb!

text by J. Kent; music is from a Welsh folk tune, AR HYD Y NOS

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

Offertory

“Christ for the World We Sing” Chancel Choir and congregation

Choir: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the name
of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey
all I commanded you. And lo, I am with you always,
even to the very end of the age!

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and over-borne, sin-sick and sorrow worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

All:



2.Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with fer - vent pray'r; the
3.Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with
4.Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the



way-ward and the lost, by rest - less pas-sions tossed, re-deemed at count-less cost from
us the work to share, with us re-proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for
new-born souls whose days, re-claimed from er - ror's ways, in-spired with hope and praise, to



dark de - spair.
Christ our Lord.
Christ be - long. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring.

*text based on Matthew 28:19-20, by Samuel Wolcott, 1869; music by Craig Courtney © 1994 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.,
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* 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

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Need for a Heavenly Perspective"

Rev. Neal W.

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 347**, vv. 1, 4, 6

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
text by Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, AURELIA

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“The Heavens Are Telling”
Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. S. Drummon Wolff

* *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
Robert Schmidt – trumpet
Harrison Wells – trumpet

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

MORNING SERVICES

Sanctuary Services*

Neal preaching in both services: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Norma presentation in 9:30 a.m. service

Annette and Tim Gulick presentation in 11:00 a.m. service

Fellowship Hall Services*

Daniel preaching in both services: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fuad presentation in 9:30 a.m. service

Norma presentation in 11:00 a.m. service

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. classes*

Combined Adult Sunday School Class, Conference Room: *John Sandager (BMG)*

Elementary Children, children's classrooms: *Connie and Brian Shepson (MAF)*

11:00 a.m. classes*

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: *Connie and Brian Shepson (MAF)*

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: *Fuad*

Elementary Children, children's classrooms: *Elsbeth and Lewis, Annette and Tim Gulick*

Combined Youth Class, JHYB: *John Sandager (Bible Mission Global)*

AFTERNOON/EVENING

Middle School Large Group with *Annette and Tim Gulick*

4:00 p.m. in the JHYB

High School Youth Group with *Fuad*

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

**nursery available*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

- Children's elementary and adult classes have concluded for the spring semester and will resume in the fall.
- Wednesday night dinner will be TAKEOUT only. Registration is via Realm, and the pick-up will be in the porte-cochere.
- Wednesday evening prayer group will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Reception Room. Register via Realm for a takeout meal and pick it up before joining us. We will enjoy our meal together and then begin praying. For a Zoom link to connect from home, please contact Judie at judie@lmpc.org.
- Adult and Children's choirs will continue to meet at their regularly scheduled times.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR AN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

featuring a special time of prayer for our missionary guests.

RENEW US: 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: In the month of March we are joining together to beseech God for spiritual renewal at LMPC. Pick up a prayer guide and join us, in personal devotion, family prayer, and small group settings. A link to the digital version is available at lmpc.org/renew-us-31-days-of-prayer.

MISSION TO THE WORLD UKRAINE RELIEF FUND: Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Mission to the World (MTW), the mission sending agency for the Presbyterian Church in America, is receiving funds to assist those who have been displaced by the conflict. The World Missions Committee has approved an initial gift toward relief efforts. If you would like to know more about how Mission to the World is responding, how to give toward their relief efforts, or how to pray for those affected by the conflict, please visit mtw.org/ukraine-crisis. Please send financial gifts to MTW directly, not to LMPC.

WOMEN OF LMPC, JOIN US FOR THE BRIDGE this Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bridge is a gathering of women of all ages, coming together for fellowship and to hear how God has been at work in the life of one of our LMPC women. Shelley George will be sharing her story at this gathering. Dinner will be provided for \$10. **Please register via Realm by tomorrow, Monday, March 14.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A HEDGEHOG GROVE EVENT on Friday, March 18 from 5:15 to 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

COME CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF VIP EVENTS ON MARCH 22 by joining us for lunch at Edley's BBQ and the newest Imax movie, *Ocean Odyssey 3D*. We will meet at Edley's at 205 Manufacturers Rd. at 12:00 p.m. for lunch, and then drive together to the Imax theater. The cost for both lunch and the movie is \$15. Please RSVP no later than Monday, March 21 by registering on Realm or by sending your payment to the LMPC church office. Save the date for our upcoming overnight trip to Calloway Gardens and the Biblical History Center on April 27 and 28. See more information about VIP events at lmpc.org/vip.

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