



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 20, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”  
*Georg Gottfried Boltze, arr. Thomas Gieschen*

“Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
flee the world which would deceive us and to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above,  
full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead; I follow thee.”

## Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

## Introit

“Prayer of St. Patrick”

Chancel Choir

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore, restore me.  
*text attributed to St. Patrick, translated by Cecil Alexander; music by Mark Schweizer, 1997*

## \* Call to worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock  
of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol  
him with music and song.

**All: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his  
hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong  
to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry  
land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our  
Maker.

**All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock  
under his care.**

\* **Hymn of praise 97**

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life’s storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, escape you will make us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

*text by Julia Cady Cory, 1902; music from Adrianus Valerius’s Nederlandsch Gedenckclank, 1626,*

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\* **Prayer of adoration**

\* **Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from  
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**Call to confession**

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in  
whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through  
my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

### Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your  
sight.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in  
the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a  
steadfast spirit within me.

**All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from  
me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing  
spirit, to sustain me.**

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral prayer

"Mercy"

Chancel Choir

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.  
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from your rekindling flame.  
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.  
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with your pardon purity.  
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of your love, you promise mercy,  
tender compassion to the one who seeks your face.  
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,  
together cry for your forgiveness and your grace.

Against you only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.  
Of your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.  
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison,  
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.

*text by Susan Bentall Boersma, music by Craig Courtney, 2015*

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Romans 8:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

**All: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Thanks be to God!**

\* Hymn of assurance 164, vv. 1, 2, 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.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

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*

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

Offertory

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"  
*Lowell Mason, arr. Kenon Renfrow*

Instrumental meditation

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;  
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

\* 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 7:1-10**

Joe Novenson

<sup>1</sup>After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. <sup>3</sup>When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them.

When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. <sup>7</sup>Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

<sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup>And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

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

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

"Faith That Causes Jesus to Marvel"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. An entitled approach to Jesus: thinking our worthiness comes from our good performance (vv. 1-6a)
2. A humble approach to Jesus: believing worthiness is not something we possess (vv. 6b-8)
3. The rare amazement of Jesus: marveling at the faith of a Roman centurion (vv. 9-10)

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 468**

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:* I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:  
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*  
*text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831, LANDAS*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
*Henry Purcell, arr. Robert Hobby*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Rhodes Hitchings Plating at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Catherine and Zach Plating, his grandparents, Mary Vassar and Frank Hitchings and Paula and John Plating, and his great-grandmother, Renee Ballard.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Noble Walker Webb at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Liz and Parker Webb, and his grandparents, Suzette and Brent Thompson and Sue and Jack Webb.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Henry Galbraith Wiggins at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Bronwen and Newton Wiggins, and his grandmother, Jane Wiggins.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR AN EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** with communion. This service includes hymns and songs of praise accompanied by piano, as well as intercessory prayer and a homily. We will continue our study in 1 Peter.

**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](http://lmpc.org/renew-us-31-days-of-prayer).

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR 2022 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "A Hope Worth Sharing."** Our Change Makes A Difference Coin Collection benefiting Bible Mission Global concludes today. Please bring any remaining change or donations to the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Additionally, please remember that our conference brochure includes prayer requests for our conference guests. Please join us in praying for our missionaries and their ministries.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to serve on Sunday mornings. Please contact Amy Horne at [amy@lmpc.org](mailto:amy@lmpc.org) to get involved.

**CARE CONTACTS:** Did you know every active member of LMPC has an assigned care leader who serves as an elder or deacon? Ideally, your care leader makes contact with you at least once a year to check with you for prayer needs, to answer questions, or to provide other needed assistance. Your care leader is also available for you to contact with any questions or needs you may have. If you don't know who your care leader is, please call the church office at 423-821-4528.

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** this Wednesday, March 23. Registration is via Realm and pick-up is in the porte-cochere. Please note that the registration deadline is Monday, March 21 at midnight. We will not have a dine-in option for the remainder of the semester.

**MISSION TO THE WORLD UKRAINE RELIEF FUND:** Mission to the World (MTW) is receiving funds to assist those who have been displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. To find out more about how to give toward their relief efforts or how to pray for those affected by the conflict, please visit [mtw.org/ukraine-crisis](http://mtw.org/ukraine-crisis). Please send financial gifts directly to MTW, not to LMPC.



**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](http://lmpc.org/vip).

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS** to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit [lmpc.org/easter-flowers](http://lmpc.org/easter-flowers) to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is Monday, April 4.

**MDO OPEN REGISTRATION** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21. Registration will be via an online form available at [lmpc.org/mdo](http://lmpc.org/mdo). LMPC members have priority, but all are welcome! Spots are limited.

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 24, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2025. A brochure about the candidates will be available closer to the meeting date.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

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