



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 3, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

arr. Robert J. Powell

(words for meditation may be found in the hymnal, 304)

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

Introit

“At the Name of Jesus”

Chancel Choir

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
ev’ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation’s hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

text by Caroline Noel, 1870; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925, KING’S WESTON

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

**All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom
rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his
dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

*** Hymn of praise 111**

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.
text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915, TERRA BEATA

*** 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Chancel Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen!
text by Isaac Watts; music by Gilbert M. Martin, based on the tune by Lowell Mason

* **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 7:18-35**

Wil Nettleton

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"

²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

²⁹(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) ³¹"To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Sincere Doubt versus Cynical Denial"
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. Those closest to Jesus experience sincere doubts and questions. (vv. 18-20, 24-28)
2. Jesus anchors his answers and assurance in his work and his Word. (vv. 21-23)
3. The Savior unmaskes cynical denial and spiritual childishness. (vv. 29-35)

BIG IDEA: Jesus answers those who sincerely doubt and question and unmaskes those who cynically deny the truth.

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:

Joshua Knight – organ

Nate Oster – guest director

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Elizabeth Latimore DeVaney

June 30, 1929 – March 26, 2022

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL for an evening missions prayer service.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve on Sunday mornings. Please contact Amy Horne at amy@lmpc.org to get involved.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, April 6. Registration is via Realm and pick-up is in the porte-cochere. Please note that the registration deadline is Monday, April 4 at midnight. We will not have a dine-in option for the remainder of the semester.

VIPS, JOIN US ON AN OVERNIGHT TRIP to beautiful Callaway Gardens and the Biblical History Center on April 27-28. Your \$225 payment includes transportation, hotel, all meals, and tickets. Registration is via Realm and the link is available at lmpc.org/vip. Space is limited! Register by Friday, April 8.

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 to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is **tomorrow, Monday, April 4.**

LUNCHEON WITH MALC CLARK: Malc Clark, supported church planter from Trinity Church in Manchester, will be visiting LMPC the weekend of April 10. Limited seats are available for a lunch on Sunday, April 10 at 12:15 p.m. If you are interested in attending, email Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org. Guests must RSVP to attend.

METANOIA PRISON MINISTRIES WILL HOLD THEIR NEXT MENTOR ORIENTATION for Walker State Prison and The Next Door on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at North Shore Fellowship in Chattanooga. Anyone interested in learning more about how Metanoia helps others love Jesus by visiting and serving prisoners is encouraged to attend. Please email Barry Smith at bsmith@pcanet.org to let him know you will participate.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE at lmpc.org/holy-week-2022, April 14-17. Make plans to join us as we walk together through Jesus' final days, death, and resurrection in worship.

JOIN US AFTER SUNRISE FOR COFFEE & DONUTS ON EASTER SUNDAY at the JHYB from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m.

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. 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.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will fellowship, share breakfast together, and hear the encouraging story of God's faithfulness in the life of one of the men in our congregation.

SOUTH SUDAN MINISTRY TRIP: Please consider joining RMNI (Reconciliation Ministries Network) June 2-14 for their 14th trip to South Sudan. RMNI can put eye professionals and dentists to work, though the trip is not limited to professionals in those fields. South Sudan has had no security problems to date. For more information, please visit RMNI.org or contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNI.org.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion Service - April 14

.....6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 15

.....6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Easter Sunrise Service - April 17

.....7:00 a.m. at Point Park (meet in the sanctuary in case of rain)

Easter Morning Coffee and Donuts - April 17

.....7:45 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building

Easter Sunday Services - April 17

.....9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary*

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No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children

No Evening Prayer or youth activities

**indicates nursery available*