

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Order of Worship**

Prelude

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. David M. Cherwien (words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #164)

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Summer Bell Ensemble

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota; DIADEM

\* Call to worship

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the

nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all

his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD

rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all

peoples. For great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his

dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love

endures forever.

\* **Hymn of praise 296,** vv. 1, 5, 6

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793, arr. James Mulholland, CORONATION

### \* Prayer of adoration

#### Officer installation

#### Call to confession

taken from Romans 3:23-24 and 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

All: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### Silent prayers of confession

**Instrumental meditation** Meditation on "Tallis' Canon" Summer Bell Ensemble arr. Elaine B. Baver

Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray, the wrongs that I have done this day. May peace with God and neighbor be, before I sleep, restored to me. text for meditation taken from "All Praise to You, My God, This Night" by Thomas Ken, 1709

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Leader: How are we forgiven and declared righteous in God's sight?

All: We are forgiven and declared righteous in God's sight as an act of God's free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight. He does so only because he counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. All of this is received by faith alone in Christ alone.

adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 33

## \* **Hymn of assurance 460,** vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

"Amazing Grace!"

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. text by John Newton, 1779, and A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; traditional American melody, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, AMAZING GRACE

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

Offertory "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" instrumental meditation arr. Michael Praetorius
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #92)

\* 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 8:26-39

Joe Donnovin

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone,

sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

<sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

#### Sermon

"Responding to Jesus' Liberating Power" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

- 1. The demons' submissive response to Jesus' liberating power (vv. 26-33)
- 2. The people's fearful response to Jesus' liberating power (vv. 34-37)
- 3. The transformed man's eager response to Jesus' liberating power (vv. 38-39)

## Pastoral prayer

## \* Hymn of response

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious, that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done; let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one. *text by Rusty Edwards*, 1955; *music by Ashahel Nettleton*, 1825, NETTLETON

- \* Benediction
- \* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

\* Postlude

Toccata on "Amazing Grace!" arr. J. Christopher Pardini

#### Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight - organ

#### **Summer Bell Ensemble:**

Christie Dodson Jennifer Mixon Julie Reinink Jennifer Welsh Jennifer West Stephanie Wharton

#### OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

The LMPC officer class of 2025 will be installed during the morning worship services today. Any officer serving for the first time as either an elder or a deacon will also be ordained. The make-up date is May 22.

DEACONS

Ross Ballenger Stephen Barnes Joe Donnovin Eric Ellis Marc Erickson Daryl Heald Gary Lindley Peter Lindquist John Stroud David Wharton

Nathan Allison Charley Crichton Brent Faulk Jay Hildebrand Zach Walley Ben Wharton Randy Wilson Wes Young

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JOIN US FOR EVENING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

WE WILL WELCOME ANDY MENDONSA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WIDOWS HARVEST MINISTRIES, in Evening Prayer on Sunday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. One of our Strategic Partner Ministries, Widows Harvest takes responsibility for the ongoing care of widows, carrying out their mission to: "plead the case of, provide assistance to, and promote the spiritual growth and ministries of widows." Their staff and volunteers provide free home maintenance and repair services for low-income widows who do not have family or church support. Come hear about their great work and learn how you can help. We will also have a time of prayer for all Strategic Partner Ministries that evening.

**WOMEN OF LMPC, JOIN US FOR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY IN JUNE**. On Wednesday mornings in June from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, we will study "Knowing God and Knowing Ourselves – Select Studies on the Attributes of God." Participate as your schedule allows. See the complete schedule at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS on June 9 and July 12. Suppers will be hosted in individual homes and you are welcome to invite your friends and neighbors. Register on Realm. If you are interested in hosting a supper in your home, email Caroline Scruggs at caroline@lmpc.org.

**LIBRARY CLOSURE**: The LMPC library will be closed from Monday, May 23 to Sunday, June 12 for a boiler piping repair project in the hallway.

**CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE** is on Saturday, June 4. The Walk for Life is a non-competitive, easy walk at the Riverpark — stroller, wheelchair, and pet-friendly. If you are interested in participating, contact Stephanie Young in the Missions Office for information on registration.

**LMPC JOB OPENING**: We are accepting applications for a Mother's Day Out Director. See lmpc.org/job-openings-at-lmpc for more details.

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

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