

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO LMPC! We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you to share important information with us; an online form is available by scanning the OR code on the back of the bulletin. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.

CHILDCARE: Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.

* Congregation standing as you are able

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!" arr. Patricia Sanders Cota: DIADEM

Summer Bell Ensemble

* 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.

A11:

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.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

- * **Hymn of praise 296,** vv. 1, 5, 6
- * Prayer of adoration

Officer installation

Call to confession

A11:

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 Iesus.

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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

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*

arr. Elaine B. Baver

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!"

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 pp. 1028-1029 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Joe Donnovin (9:30) Stephanie Wharton (11:00)

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

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"

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

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.

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When 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. ²⁸When 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." ²⁹For 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.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now 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. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then 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. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then 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.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"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.

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.

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

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

SERMON NOTES

"Responding to Jesus' Liberating Power" Luke 8:26-39

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)
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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 15

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children	
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion	chapel

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

CONTACT US

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.