



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 18, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* **Call to worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* **Hymn of praise**

“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

* **Prayer of adoration**

**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.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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

Offertory hymn

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 10:1-16**

Marianne Stern (9:30)

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³"Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

⁵"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹²"I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Pursuing Faithfulness in Kingdom Mission"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Jesus calls his followers to:

1. fervently pray for the vast Gospel opportunities in the world. (vv. 1-2)
2. fully trust in God to supply all our needs. (vv. 3-4)
3. boldly proclaim the Kingdom while expecting mixed responses. (vv. 5-11)
4. soberly recognize the eternal consequences of rejecting Jesus. (vv. 12-16)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

Refrain: Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we're holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
With the glories of the Gospel to explain,
now we pray your kingdom come, and we pray your will be done
for the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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*** Benediction**

*** 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.**

* **Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Anna Davis – flute

Mary Boyde Funches – vocals

Mark Gregory – banjo

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Melanie Ray – vocals

Christina Sullivan – piano

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Carson Monroe

April 9, 1930 – September 3, 2022

SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERIES: STAND FIRM - 2 TIMOTHY

2 Timothy is the Apostle Paul's last letter—the last words of a spiritual father to his son in the faith, Timothy. Paul writes from a Roman prison cell and anticipates his imminent death. In this intimate letter to a close friend and co-worker, Paul emphasizes what he wants Timothy to heed for the rest of his life and ministry. His message can be summed up in two words: stand firm. Paul encourages Timothy to hold on to the Gospel in the midst of persecution, false teaching, and all the challenges of following Jesus in this broken world.

Join us on the third Sunday evening of each month as we work our way through this book and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF THE GOOD SAMARITANS



Friends of
the Good
Samaritans

In 1989, Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh, founder of the Good Samaritan School (GSS), answered a knock on her door and encountered a boy from the slums begging for food. God spoke to her and told her to feed, teach, and love him. This little child loved to learn and began inviting his friends. Ananthi taught from her home until it was

overflowing with children. She was granted permission to utilize a space located in the only public toilet facility serving a 25,000-person slum. Dubbed the “The Toilet School” by her students, this is where Ananthi and her team taught for over a decade. With the help of U.S. partners, a \$3.5 million debt-free school was built and opened in 2005. Today the ministry educates over 3,000 students in 4 locations. Friends of the Good Samaritans, a non-profit organization, was established in 2004 to help fund and grow these schools.

The Good Samaritan School serves children in Delhi’s slums by providing a quality Christian education in a safe, first-class learning environment. Upon graduation, students are bilingual (English and Hindi) and pursue higher education, vocational training, or workforce employment. Education has been vital in helping these children break the generational cycle of poverty.

Our calling is to take initiatives for the needy and marginalized in India and restore them to confident living. Luke 18:16 is our guide, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED in this year's Build-A-Bag collection. We collected 246 bags for donation to the local food pantry!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A HEDGEHOG GROVE event on Friday, September 23 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.

COLLEGE LUNCHEON: All college students are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, September 25, at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

MOUNTAIN MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will be on Thursday, September 29. Get to know other men by gathering at a home together with a small group to eat meat and fellowship around the table. Invite your friends to join us! Please send an email by Wednesday, September 21 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and let us know who will be coming with you. Email the same address if you would like to host a group in your home.

31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR RENEW will begin again in the month of October. Join together with the LMPC body in a focused time of daily prayer as we petition God for renewal. In March, we published a 31-Day prayer guide; please locate that in preparation for October. Or, find a digital version on the website at lmpc.org/renew. Plan to use this prayer guide in your personal and family prayer times, in your Bible studies and small groups, and corporately as we worship together each week. Extra print copies will be available September 25.



THE MARRIAGE COURSE SERIES will run on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for seven weeks beginning on October 4. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course will benefit you by helping you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. Enjoy a video series in the Conference Room, where dessert will be provided. Register by emailing marriagecourse@lmpc.org before October 2; cost is \$45 per couple.

THE NEXT WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS are on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Choose the book and dinner destination you would like to attend and register on Realm. Book options are *The Screwtape Letters*, *Everything Sad is Untrue*, and *Liturgy of the Ordinary*.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Women's Retreat, November 4-6.

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