



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
John Wyeth, arr. Michael Raehpour

Welcome and announcements

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the
hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and
west, from north and south.

**All: Let us give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his
wonderful deeds. Let us exalt him in the assembly of the people.
Let the wise heed these things and consider the great love of the
LORD.**

* Hymn of praise 263

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Refrain*

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation’s praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*
text by George W. Kitchin, 1887; music by Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916, CRUCIFER

*** 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

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

*** Hymn of assurance**

"O Bless the Lord"

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to me proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind.
Forget not all his benefits; the Lord to me is kind.

He pardons all my sins, prolongs my feeble breath;
he healeth my infirmities and ransoms me from death.

Then bless his holy name, whose grace has made me whole;
whose loving-kindness crowns my days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

text by James Montgomery, based on Psalm 103; arr. Randy Adams, ST. THOMAS

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

Offertory

"Not Ashamed"

Chancel Choir

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,
maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

Jesus, my Lord, I know his name; his name is all my trust.
He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with him remains, protected by his pow'r,
what I've committed to his hands, until my final hour.

Then he shall own my lowly name before his Father's face,
and in the New Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord.

text by Isaac Watts, 1709; arr. Dan Forrest, ARLINGTON

* 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 Acts 1:1-11

Aaron Tolson

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Unstoppable Mission of Jesus"
Jonathan de Groot, pastor Christ Church Glasgow

1. The mission plan (vv. 1-3)
2. The mission power (vv. 4-5)
3. The mission pattern (vv. 6-11)
4. The mission people

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 347**, vv. 1, 2, 6

"The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
text by Samuel Stone, 1866; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, AURELIA

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Sovereign King”
 (“To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King”)
Mainz Gesangbuch, 1870, *arr. Brendan Elliget, ICH GLAUB AN GOTT*

Musicians for this week:

Alayna Bowers – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Quinn Lawson – trumpet
Harrison Wells – trumpet, percussion

IN MEMORIAM
Ansley Hugh Moses
July 25, 1930 – March 12, 2023

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ansley Hugh Moses.

JONATHAN DE GROOT, CHRIST CHURCH GLASGOW

Jonathan serves the Lord in Scotland as the pastor of Christ Church Glasgow. In 2019, he helped to plant the church in the northwest area of the city with the mission to impact Glasgow for the glory of God while making disciples of all nations. Jonathan also serves as chaplain to a professional soccer team, and his wife Sheona teaches English at a local school. Jonathan and Sheona have three children: Joshua (17), Matthew (15), and Rebekah (13).



MALC CLARK, TRINITY CHURCH MANCHESTER

Malc serves the Lord as one of the pastors at Trinity Church Manchester, located in the Prestwich community, a very secular area north of Manchester, UK. Malc served as a trainee minister at City Church Manchester for two years while he began his studies with Crosslands Seminary. In 2020, he was sent to help Pete Evans plant Trinity Church Manchester, where they both now serve as pastors. Malc also has a huge love for music, and you will often find him with a guitar in his hand. Malc and his wife Judy have two children: Lilah (4) and Jovie (2).



WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 19

MORNING SERVICES

Sanctuary Services*

Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall Services*

Malc Clark, Trinity Church Manchester: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. class*

Fireside/Redeemer Class, Conference Room: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

11:00 a.m. classes*

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: *Melanie & Bill, Marketplace Ministries*

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: *Christine, SIL International*

Sojourners Class, Reception Room: *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen*

Combined Youth Class, JHYB: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

AFTERNOON/EVENING

Middle School Large Group with *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen*

4:00 p.m. in the JHYB

High School Youth Group with *Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow*

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

Sunday Evening Gathering Communion Service with prayer for our WMC Guests*

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

**nursery available*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING communion service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided. We will have a special prayer time for our missionary guests following the service.

TOMORROW IS THE FINAL DAY TO GIVE TOWARD OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION for relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. Drop your monetary donation in the container in the fellowship hall lobby. Thank you for your generosity; including the matched funds from our World Missions Committee, LMPC is sending more than \$35,000 in relief funds to partners in the region!

OUR MARCH VIP EVENT WILL INCLUDE DINNER AND A CONCERT. On Thursday, March 30, join us at Honey Seed at 5:30 p.m. for “breakfast for dinner” before enjoying a CSO Masterworks concert featuring Mozart’s *Requiem* at Memorial Auditorium. Attend the dinner or concert ONLY for \$20, or attend both for \$35. Please register on Realm Connect or by sending payment to the church office by March 22.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in memory or in honor of a loved one, please register on Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The deadline to register is March 27.

LMPC HAS TWO JOB OPENINGS: director of operations and finance, and administrative assistant to the pastor of discipleship and the pastor of congregational care. Visit lmpc.org/job-openings-at-lmpc to learn more.

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