



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Ministry focus

World Missions Conference

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 111 and Psalm 19

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ. That every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

* **Hymn of praise**

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unending, in grace and mercy shown;
bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;
surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms;
our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*

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* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith based on Isaiah 55

We believe that when we turn to the Lord, he will have mercy on us. He is a God who freely pardons those who truly seek him. We acknowledge that his ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are not our thoughts—as the heavens are above the earth, his ways and thoughts are far above ours. But thanks be to God! He has promised that when a word goes out from his mouth, it will accomplish all that he desires. We will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

Call to confession

taken from Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, O my soul, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

* Hymn of assurance

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
words by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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

Offertory hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.
words by William Cowper, 1774

* **Scripture reading from Exodus 6:28-7:13**

Heather Tencza (9:30)
Drew Courtney (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "God's Power Displayed"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

words by John Keith, 1787

* **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**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Kellie Currin – vocalist

Kara Funke – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Louis Metcalf – vocalist

Sam Miller – violin

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Emma James Ehman, born to Joanna and Doug Ehman on February 17.

Elders meet to pray in Pastor Novenson’s office at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. If you would like them to pray for you and your specific needs, they welcome you to join them.

Children are welcome to participate in all worship services, no matter the age of the child. Worship sheets and crayons are available on the table outside the fellowship hall to help children interact with the sermon.

Today at LMPC—Sunday, February 26

Nursery 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Morning worship (sanctuary) 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Morning worship (fellowship hall) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages (various locations) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Youth Communicant Class (JHYB 105) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Officer training class (Reception Room) 4:00 p.m.
Middle school small groups (various homes) 4:15 p.m.
Evening prayer (chapel) 6:00 p.m.
High school youth group (JHYB) 7:30 p.m.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar or check the calendar in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Exodus 6:28-7:13

²⁸Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, ²⁹he said to him, “I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.” ³⁰But Moses said to the LORD, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. ²You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. ³But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, ⁴he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. ⁵And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.”

⁶Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them. ⁷Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh. ⁸The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹“When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.” ¹⁰So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: ¹²Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Weekly Announcements

Our annual World Missions Conference is in two weeks' time, March 10-12. The theme is Gospel Hope for the Muslim World. You can now make reservations for the Saturday night banquet by visiting lmpc.org. There you'll also find a full schedule of events in addition to the banquet, as well as a recommended reading list. Please be in prayer for the conference and for our guests, all but one of whom will be traveling from abroad.

Reminder: please sign up now if you would like to volunteer and serve our children at our summer VBS: Marketplace 2017, June 20-23. We have many different opportunities for volunteers, from teaching to crafts to drama to set-up and tear-down. To see all the volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/marketplace. If you have questions, please email greta@lmpc.org.

Save the date: MDO Open Registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 14 in the Reception Room. LMPC families will be able to register from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For more information on Mother's Day Out visit lmpc.org/mdo.

LMPC Youth: Please save these dates for the summer:

High School Missions Week: June 11-16

Middle School Service Days - helping with Marketplace 2017: June 20-23

High School Beach Trip: July 10-15

Middle School Camp Kulaqua: July 15-21

Registration information coming soon.

We are delighted to welcome in recital four students from New York City on Thursday evening, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The recital includes LMPC's own Thomas West, baritone, at the Juilliard School, alongside tenor Ryan Brideau and pianist Nathan Raskin, also at Juilliard, and vocalist Rachel Brideau from the Manhattan School of Music. All are warmly invited to attend this special evening of music.

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

*Our mission: glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*