



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | *Third Sunday in Lent*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

All: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

All: The LORD reigns forever—for all generations. Praise the LORD.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
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words by Henry Lyte, 1834

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith (11:00)

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

Romans 5:1-2a; Romans 6:1-2, 18

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness

Hymn of confession (11:00) "To Thee I Come"

To thee I come a sinner poor and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner vile upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner great and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee, O God be merciful to me!

continued

To thee I come a sinner lost nor have I aught wherein to trust
but where thou art, Lord, I would be, O God be merciful to me.
To glory bring me Lord at last and there when all my sins are passed;
with all the saints I'll then agree, O God was merciful to me!
O God was merciful to me!

words by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Luke 1 and Psalm 40

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David. He has set my feet on a rock and has given me a firm place to stand. He has put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

* **Hymn of assurance** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

words by Charles Wesley, 1738

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

Offertory hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Sacrament of baptism (9:30) Susan and David Fuehrer bringing Pierce Emerson Fuehrer

*** Scripture reading from Exodus 12:31-51**

Rob Payne (9:30)
Frank Brock(11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Free to Feast”

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name,
he has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace and taught us; gave us ears and gave us eyes,
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

words by John Newton, 1774

* **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:

Maria Dassow – vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola
Louis Metcalf – vocalist
Sam Miller – violin

John Reeder – violin
Megan Wingard – vocalist
Ben VanderHart – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Pierce Emerson Fuehrer at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Susan and David Fuehrer and his grandparents, Sheila and Bill Moyer.

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.

Weekly Announcements

Thank you to all who attended our 2017 World Missions Conference. We are excited to announce that through our children's change collection, we received \$250 for the Family Camp in Iraq. In addition to the \$250 received, the World Missions Committee will be sending an additional \$500, making our total donation to the camp \$750. Thank you to all who participated!

If you did not pick up a Missionary Prayer Guide at the end of our missions conference last weekend, you can pick up a copy in the sanctuary narthex or fellowship hall lobby.

Please sign up now if you would like to volunteer and serve our children at our summer VBS: Marketplace 2017, June 20-23. Our biggest need is for classroom mothers and fathers. The number of mothers and fathers who volunteer will determine how many children can attend Marketplace 2017, so please sign up! To see all the volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/marketplace. If you have questions, please email greta@lmpc.org.

If you would like to make a contribution for Easter flowers to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528 or visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online. The last day to request is Monday, April 3 by 12 noon.

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

As we continue on our Lenten journey, please take note of the sparse floral decor. This serves as a visual reminder of the simplicity of Lent: a time of prayer, reflection, and self-examining humility before we celebrate Christ's Resurrection Day in beauty and splendor.

Exodus 12:31-51

³¹During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. ³²Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me."

³³The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. "For otherwise," they said, "we will all die!" ³⁴So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. ³⁵The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. ³⁶The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. ³⁸Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. ³⁹With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. ⁴⁰Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. ⁴¹At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

⁴²Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come. ⁴³The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: No foreigner is to eat of it. ⁴⁴Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him, ⁴⁵but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it. ⁴⁶It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. ⁴⁷The whole community of Israel must celebrate it. ⁴⁸An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it. ⁴⁹The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you." ⁵⁰All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. ⁵¹And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Sermon Notes
"Free to Feast"
Exodus 12:31-51

I. Freedom: We are set free from slavery by God's grace as God turns...

A. his raging rival into his delivering instrument (vv. 31-32)

B. the place of pain into the place of provision (vv. 33-36)

C. an exiled few into his world changing nation (vv. 37-41)

II. Feast: We are set down to feast on God's grace. (vv. 43-51)

Big Idea: Because we have been set free by God's grace, we feast on God's grace both now and in eternity.



Today at LMPC—Sunday, March 19

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.

Officer training class—deacons (Reception Room) 4:00 p.m.

Officer training class—elders (Conference Room) 4:00 p.m.

Evening worship with Communion (chapel) 6:00 p.m.

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

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

