



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Order of Worship

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" David Stultz, organist
Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and greetings Jared Huffman, associate pastor

* **Call to worship** taken from Psalm 111:1-3

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: 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.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. To him belongs eternal praise.

* **Hymn of praise 598** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
David Henry, trumpet
Jonathan Nichols, French horn

* **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

Psalm 51:1-2, 10, 12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace taken from 1 Timothy 2 and Lamentations 3

Leader: There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.

All: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

* **Hymn of assurance 32**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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

Offertory hymn 689, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Be Still, My Soul"

Sacrament of baptism

(9:30) Amy and Adam Thomas bringing Raker Cabot Thomas

(11:00) Kakhi and Michael Wakefield bringing Eliza Katherine Wakefield

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Exodus 13:17-14:31**

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Enrique Vizoso (9:30)

Laura Broussard (11:00)

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Delivered and Defended"

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 66**

“God is Known among His People”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Improvisation on Be Still, My Soul”

David Stultz

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Celebrating the baptism of Raker Cabot Thomas at the 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Amy and Adam Thomas, and his grandparents, Elizabeth and Joseph Thomas and Kathy and Butch Gregory.

Celebrating the baptism of Eliza Katherine Wakefield at the 11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Kakhi and Michael Wakefield, and her grandparents, Carolyn and Mark Wakefield and Natalie and Rob Huffaker, and her great-grandparents, Sandra and Dave Wakefield and LJ and Bob Huffaker.

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.

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.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.

Children are welcome to participate in all worship services, no matter the age of the child. Worship sheets and crayons are available in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary to help children interact with the sermon.

Sermon Notes
"Delivered and Defended"
Exodus 13:17-14:31

1. God delivers his people from all that would enslave them.

2. God defends his people from all that would destroy them.



Exodus 13:17-14:31

Chapter 13 ¹⁷When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle. ¹⁹Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place." ²⁰After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. ²¹By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²²Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people. **Chapter 14** ¹Then the LORD said to Moses, ²"Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israelites did this.

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. ¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" ¹³Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through

Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.³¹ And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Volunteer Opportunity

Our greatest need for Marketplace 2017 volunteers is for Tent Mothers and Fathers.

Being a Mother/Father primarily involves getting to know a group of 12-14 children, and making sure that they arrive at each event in their daily schedule in a timely manner. There will be one 30 minute segment of the day where the Tent Mother/Father will teach a brief lesson and facilitate a simple activity which connects to the drama from the day. All Mothers/Fathers serve as a team with a helper. You can sign up to serve at lmpc.org/marketplace or email greta@lmpc.org. **Want to find out more about being a Mother or Father?** This Thursday, March 30, we will hold an information and training meeting at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. Please bring a sandwich along, and we’ll provide the rest of your lunch! Please note: if you are not available on March 30, we will be scheduling additional dates for this information and training.

Weekly Announcements

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.

VIPs: Please join us on Thursday, April 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of dinner at Café on the Corner and a CSO concert at the Tivoli. The cost is for the evening is \$35. RSVP by Monday, April 3 by registering online at lmpc.org/vip, or by sending your check to the LMPC office. If you are not able to attend the symphony but would still like to join us for dinner, please RSVP by calling Stephy or Eric at 423-821-5105 by Monday, April 3.

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

Today at LMPC—Sunday, March 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.

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.

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