



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 23, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, associate pastor

\* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

**All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

**All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

\* Hymn of praise

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*based on Psalm 104, words by Robert Grant, 1833*

\* 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

based on Philippians 2 and Psalm 51

**Leader:** Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.

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

## Hymn of confession

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
*words by Augustus Toplady, 1776*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

\* **Hymn of assurance**      “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*  
words by Edward Mote, 1834

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

**Offertory hymn**      “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

\* **Scripture reading from Exodus 17:1-7**

Strib Stribling (9:30)  
Rebekah Risley (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon** "Grumbling Hearts Met by God's Gracious Hand"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response** "O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme. Conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me  
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n glorify your name through me.  
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\* **Benediction**

**Strategic planning update**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Jonathan Nichols** – French horn

**John Reeder** – piano  
**Emmie Thompson** – vocalist  
**Sara Beth Wade** – vocalist

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall today** is for the birth of Johnnie Mae Rustand, born to Kate and Drake Rustand on April 7.

## Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" <sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" <sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**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 in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary to help children interact with the sermon.

### Today at LMPC—Sunday, April 23

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.

Town hall meeting (fellowship hall) 4:00 p.m.

Middle school small groups (various locations) 4:15 p.m.

Installation Service for RUF Minister Scott Wells (sanctuary) 6:00 p.m.

Dessert for graduating high school seniors (JHYB) 7:00 p.m.

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar) or check the calendar in the hallway outside the sanctuary.*



## Weekly Announcements

**Please join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary** for the Installation of Reverend Scott Wells to the Ministry of the Gospel with Reformed University Fellowship at Covenant College.

**The LMPC Chancel Choir will be participating** in Covenant College's Choral Festival along with several of Covenant's musical ensembles this Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel. Reserved parking on the east side of campus will be served by free golf cart shuttles throughout the evening. The festival is free, and all are welcome.

**There will be a called congregational meeting** at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 30 for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2020.

**Save the date!** Marketplace 2017 registration opens on Monday, May 1. You can find more information at [lmpc.org/marketplace](http://lmpc.org/marketplace).

**Men's Steak Night is here!** Thursday, May 4 will be a phenomenal night to build friendships, laugh hard, and eat red meat. Don't miss this opportunity to hang out with 10 or so guys around a grill, as you sear your steak to medium rare perfection. Of course your friends are invited, too. Just send an email to [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org) and tell us who is coming with you. We are in need of several more hosts, so please let us know if would like to host men in your home.

**One of our strategic partners, Metanoia,** is hosting a job fair at Walker State Faith and Character Prison on Friday, May 5. They are looking for companies and organizations to host booths and help the prisoners understand what work might be available to them upon release and what skills and training they might need to acquire. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office at [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

**We ask every single member** to sign up to serve at LMPC, and we'd love regular attenders to sign up as well. We ask that each member choose at least one area you are excited about in which you can serve in the 2017-18 ministry year - whether through ushering, music, children's work, or many other possibilities for service. You can sign up at [lmpc.org/volunteer-serve](http://lmpc.org/volunteer-serve), or by filling out a card in the fellowship hall lobby.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://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.*