



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 18, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Lansing Hamilton, pianist

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Introit

“This Is My Father’s World”
arr. Randall Crenshaw

Men’s ensemble

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one. Amen!

* **Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds!

All: His name is the LORD. Rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Leader: Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.

All: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

* **Hymn of praise 122**

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

* **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

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hymn of confession 252, vv. 1, 2

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from the Heidelberg Catechism,
questions 43 and 45

Leader: What benefit do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: Through Christ’s death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.

Leader: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

continued

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

* **Hymn of assurance 252**, vv. 3, 4

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

words by Isaac Watts, 1707; HAMBURG

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

Offertory

"My Refuge, My Strength"

Men's ensemble

Edwin Willmington

He laid the foundation of the earth, spread the stars in the sky;
he formed a path for thunderstorms, and he enclosed the sea with doors.

And this great God is my refuge, my refuge and my strength;
the Lord Almighty is with me, my refuge, my strength.

He knows all the treasures of the snow, and the home of the wind;
tips over heaven's water jars, and he makes the lightning flash.

words by Sharon Odegaard, based on Psalm 46 and Job 38

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18**

p. 1772 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Foolishness of the Cross”

Dr. Michael Kruger, President, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

words by John Bowring, 1825; WYCLIFF

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Men’s ensemble directed by Randall Crenshaw.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR MINISTRY PARTNER EAST LAKE EXPRESSION ENGINE for their 4th annual Summer Creative Project Concert this Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at New City Fellowship East Lake (2903 E. 37th St.). Students and faculty will be performing brand new music that they are composing together based on the theme “Do Not Fear.” This is one of their most exciting and creative presentations every year and a great introduction to what East Lake Expression Engine does.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER CHOIR, open to everyone aged middle school and older. All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and/or 11:00 a.m. For more information and exact rehearsal dates, please visit lmpc.org/summer-choir or email joy@lmpc.org. The next rehearsal will be the women's ensemble on June 25.

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER LECTURE SERIES on “Racial Reconciliation and Jesus” with Karen and Carl Ellis on June 25, July 30, and August 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Each lecture will be followed by a question and answer time. No nursery will be available.

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

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

Today we welcome Dr. Michael J. Kruger as guest preacher as part of the George Long Preaching Series. Dr. Kruger is President and the Samuel C. Patterson Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is one of the leading scholars today in the study of the origins of the New Testament, particularly the development of the New Testament canon and the transmission of the New Testament text. He is the author of numerous books including *The Gospel of the Savior*, *The Heresy of Orthodoxy*, *Canon Revisited*, and *The Question of Canon*. He is also the co-editor of *The Early Text of the New Testament* and *Gospel Fragments*. Dr. Kruger is ordained in the PCA and also serves (part-time) as Pastor of Teaching at Uptown PCA in downtown Charlotte.



SERMON NOTES

“The Foolishness of the Cross”

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive our weekly news email

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's women's
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

- I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 18

George Long Preaching Series with Dr. Michael J. Kruger

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary only
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & video in fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Summer Adult Sunday School	Upper Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & video in fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Child Protection Policy training	Reception Room
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with Communion <i>Commissioning of Eve Soltau and Janet Hunt</i>	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school summer youth group	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar. For a schedule of upcoming Sunday evenings, please visit the bulletin boards outside the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall lobby.

FINANCE UPDATE

2017 Annual Budget: \$4.5 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$1.79 million

Remaining gifts needs: \$2.72million (60% of budget)

We are grateful for the generosity here at LMPC.

Remember that you can now give online at lmpc.org/give or via the ChurchLife app. You can also give through **smile.amazon.com** by choosing LMPC as the charity of your choice and making a purchase through that site.

through May 31, 2017

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.