



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O Word of God Incarnate”
arr. Harold DeCou

Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD.

**All: The word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his
unfailing love.**

* Hymn of praise

“Word of God, across the Ages”

Word of God, across the ages comes the message to our life;
source of hope forever present in our toil and fears and strife;
constant witness to God’s mercy, still our grace, whate’er befall,
guide unfailing, strength eternal, offered freely to us all.

Story of the wondrous journey from the shadows of the night;
garnered truth of sage and prophet, guiding forward into light;
words and deeds of Christ our master, pointing to the life and way,
still appealing, still inspiring, ‘mid the struggles of today.

In the tongues of all the peoples may the message bless and heal,
as devout and patient scholars more and more its depths reveal.
Bless, O God, to wise and simple, all the truth of ageless worth,
till all lands receive the witness and your knowledge fills the earth.

words by Ferdinand Q. Blanchard; AUSTRIAN HYMN

* Prayer of adoration

* Affirmation of belief in the supremacy of Scripture (Sola Scriptura):

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm
that all things necessary for “man’s salvation, faith and life” are
taught in the Word of God. We gladly proclaim that:

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (WCF 1-7, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

All: “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.” (Psalm 19:7-8a)

Leader: When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert, he responded to every temptation by quoting Scripture, including this statement from Deuteronomy: “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3)

All: Therefore, we should be “careful to do” whatever God has commanded; we should not “add to nor take away from” the commands of the LORD. “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” (Deuteronomy 12:32, Isaiah 40:8)

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3 and Proverbs 28

No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Hymn of confession

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

words based on Psalm 143:1

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from 1 John 4 and Romans 8

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

* **Hymn of assurance 455**, vv. 1, 3, 5

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

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

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.**

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

**Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.**

From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

**Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to sing thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end.**

**God the father, light creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, light of light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy spirit, light revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy trinity. Amen**
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* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Mark 2:18-22**
p. 1554 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Mark Newton (9:30)
David Erickson (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Bridegroom's Presence Changes Everything!"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

- * **Hymn of response 347**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 "The Church's One Foundation"
- * **Benediction**
- * **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"
- * **Postlude** "Lead On, O King Eternal"
- * *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Jordan Bailey – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – director
Caleb Hall – trumpet
Virginia Marion – organ

Eric Miller – trombone
Jackie Miller – trombone
Nate Oster – timpani

Usher captains for this week:

Nate Oster – 9:30

Eric Chandler – 11:00

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Seth Woody and Sarah Grace Kaye, daughter of Kim and Larry Kaye.

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.

Mark 2:18-22

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

¹⁹Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²²And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins."

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION, we affirm our belief in five foundational truths of the Christian faith, often called the "five solas." "Sola" is the Latin word for "alone" or "only." These five principles serve as theological pillars of the Christian faith:

- Sola Scriptura, or by Scripture alone
- Sola Fide, or through faith alone
- Sola Gratia, or by grace alone
- Solus Christus, or by Christ alone
- Soli Deo Gloria, or for the glory of God alone

SERMON NOTES

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEXT VIP EVENT will be a Southern Belle Riverboat Fall Foliage Cruise, with lunch and other activities, on Wednesday, October 25. The cost is \$30 per person, and the FIRM deadline to RSVP is next Sunday, October 15. You can register at lmpc.org/vip or by sending your check to the LMPC church office.

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

FINANCE UPDATE

2017 Annual Budget: \$4.5 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$3.06 million (68% of budget)

Remaining gifts needs: \$1.44 million (32%)

through September 30, 2017

TWO NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO LMPC

Text: Just text "LMPC" along with the amount you want to give, to 73256. Please note: the church will incur a 3% fee with each credit card gift, so please consider covering that fee in addition to your gift.

Venmo: Find us on Venmo (@LktMtnPC) and give in an instant.

For more ways to give, visit lmpc.org/give.

**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**

Include request in the Prayer List?

- Yes No

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

PHONE **DAY** **EVENING**

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.

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!

I AM A:

- First time visitor
- Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 8

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary only</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>report from Beth & Dal Stanton</i>	<i>chapel</i>

Nursery is available at all morning services.
For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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.