



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of praise

*“Rejoice in All Your Works”
(See opposite page for words and music.)*

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of belief that salvation is through grace alone (Sola Gratia):

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm that our salvation is only possible through your gift of grace. “For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (based on Ephesians 2:8-9)

All: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood.” (Romans 3:23-25a)

Leader: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.” (John 1:14, 16)

All: Therefore, we gladly proclaim that when “the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:4-7)

(Order of worship continues on following page.)

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

1. E - very mouth that cries for food, e - very lung that yearns for breath, e - very
 2. E - very tree that thirsts for rain, e - very bird that seeks its nest, e - very
 3. May the pon-d'rings of my heart and the song u - pon my lips with the

eye that sear-ches through the dark for light, all cre - a - tion looks to
 heart that waits in hope to be made glad, all cre - a - tion looks to
 cho - rus of cre - a - tion join in praise to the God who made all

you for its breath and for its food; from the good-ness of your hand we're sa-tis-
 you for its breath and for its food; from the good-ness of your hand we're sa-tis-
 things, to the Spi - rit who sus tains, to the Son who o - ver all cre - a-tion

fied. Oh re-joyce in all your works, King of hea-ven, King of earth! E-very
 fied.
 reigns.

crea-ture you have made de-clares your praise. We re joyce in all you've made, God of

all sus-tai-ning grace; with the moun-tain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of confession

“Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?
God the Just, his wrath forbears, me the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desperate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.

words by Charles Wesley, 1740

Silent prayers of confession**Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! For because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
words by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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

Offertory hymn "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.

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

* **Scripture reading from Mark 2:23-3:6**

text printed in the bulletin

Lee Ballenger (9:30)

Brad Cobb (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"His Rest or Our Resistance?"

Brian Salter, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

words by Robert Robinson, 1758

* **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:

Kara Funke – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola
Sam Miller – violin

Rebekah Risley – vocalist
Colin Stayton – guitar

Usher captains for this week:

Matthew Smisson – 9:30

Ron Thomas – 11:00

Celebrating the baptism of Madeline Kay Thatcher at the 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Elizabeth and Carter Thatcher, and her grandparents, Connie and George Babcock, and Marie and Richard Thatcher.

At the 6:00 p.m. evening prayer service in the chapel tonight, Charlotte Anne Parsley, daughter of Michal and Bob Parsley, will be coming for baptism.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the births of Conor Nathan Huffman and Cohen Bruce Huffman, born to Erin and Jared Huffman on October 6.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING LMPC TODAY

at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Esther and John Hamm

Pam and Don Schlernitzauer

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK, LMPC TURNS 125 YEARS OLD! Celebrate with us this Wednesday, October 18, during Wednesday Fellowship with a photo slideshow and birthday cake. For more information on Wednesday evening activities, visit lmpc.org/wednesday.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE at the end of each service next Sunday, October 22, for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the LMPC pulpit committee. Please plan to attend this meeting regarding this important step in the pastoral succession process.

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

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." ⁴Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. ⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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

“His Rest or Our Resistance?”

Mark 2:23-3:6

1. An accusative question (2:23-24; 3:1-2)
2. An authoritative answer (2:25-28; 3:3-5)
3. An adversarial response (3:2, 5-6)

BIG IDEA: As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus challenges our restless rules, and we must beware of resisting his restorative rest.



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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 15

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>
4:15 p.m.	Middle school Large Group small groups	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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

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 fellowship hall lobby to help children interact with the sermon.

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.