



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy Spirit: As the wind is your symbol, so forward our goings.
As the dove, so launch us heavenwards. As water, so purify our spirits.
As a cloud, so abate our temptations. As dew, so revive our languor.
As fire, so purge out our dross. —Christina Rossetti*

MARCH 10, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

arr. Karen Kuehmann

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #498)

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

All: For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.

* Hymn of praise 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

text anonymous; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, TRINITY

* Prayer of adoration

**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.**

*The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in
Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the
traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of
"living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell,"
we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all
the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of confession

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him:
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, you have shown us true humility by becoming one of us.

All: Yet too often we are arrogant and value self-preservation above all else.

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, and cast out.

All: Yet too often we focus our love on those who are strong and respected.

Leader: You freely forgave and healed.

All: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause more destruction than healing.

Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life and sought to do the will of your heavenly Father.

All: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness or desire our Father's will be done. Forgive us Lord, that we might declare your praises, you who brought us out of darkness and into your wonderful light.
adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and 1 Peter 2:9b

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance

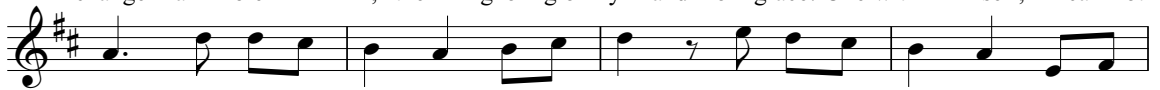
“Before the Throne of God Above”



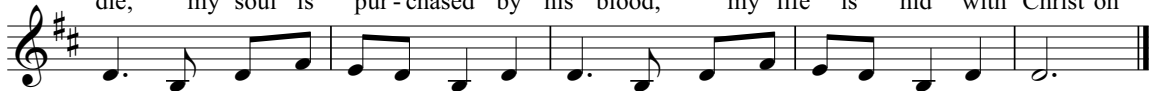
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on his
look and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self, I can - not



hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the Just, is sat - is -
die, my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God; with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

Offertory

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I that, for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to walk and gave the blind their sight.
What injuries, yet these are why the Lord Most High so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.
My song is love unknown, love unknown.

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*** 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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 19:1-10**

Amos Oster

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."

⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"To Seek and Save the Lost"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. A seeker is sought. (vv. 1-7)
2. A life is transformed. (v. 8)
3. The Savior's mission is declared. (vv. 9-10)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 468**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting ”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831, LANDAS

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

Toccata on “Wondrous Love”
Brenda Portman
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #261)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
David Henry – trumpet, guitar

Joshua Knight – organ, piano
Cindy Solfest-Wallis – flute

IN MEMORIAM

Emery Edward Balthrop

January 30, 1952 – March 6, 2024

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARLY MDO REGISTRATION for LMPC members and regular attendees will be open March 15–30. Contact Megan DeMoss at megan@lmpc.org beginning March 15 for the link to register. Space is limited; do not delay.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please give online through Realm Connect or contact the church office. The deadline is March 18.

EASTER IS COMING! See our Holy Week service schedule at lmpc.org/easter.

OUR 2024 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, “You Will Be My Witnesses: Acts 1:8,” will be held April 17–21. Join us as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting, Christian Education, and Empowering National Missionaries. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate; we will have events for all ages.

VBS THIS SUMMER will look a little different. Children who have completed Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to meet at the Commons on Lookout Mountain. Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 25, 26, and 27; more information will follow in the next couple months.

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

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000
2024 Pledges: \$3,636,075 (62%)
Remainder Needed: \$2,223,925

Member Households Pledged: 298 (47%)
Remaining Households to Pledge: 336 (53%)
Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 62% of our budget has been pledged by 47% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at lmpc.org/give or through Realm Connect.