



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return, grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the Kingdom. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. —from Opening Prayers*

MARCH 8, 2026 . SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

arr. Dale Wood

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #479)

Welcome and greetings

Peter Lindquist, ruling elder

Introit

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Chancel Choir

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

st. 1 by Edward Perronet, 1779, st. 2 by John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793, CORONATION

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 57:9–11

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.

All: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

* Hymn of praise 7

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise;
let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
text by Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 117; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

*** 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.

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

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession 486, vv. 1, 3, 5

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

text from Psalm 51, The Psalter, 1912; music by Richard Redhead, 1853, REDHEAD

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
from The Book of Common Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from John 6

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

* Hymn of assurance 535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890, EBENEZER

Prayer of intercession

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

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.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by John Wyeth, 1813, arr. James Mulholland ©1985 National Music Publishers

*** 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 John 4:1-26**

Sarah Donaldson

¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Seeking and Satisfying Savior”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Jesus seeks the outsider. (vv. 1-9)
2. Jesus satisfies the thirsty. (vv. 10-26)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 679, vv. 1, 2, 3

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882, TRUST IN JESUS

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Sonata No. 2, III. Allegro maestoso e vivace
Felix Mendelssohn

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Ivy Anne Wingard, born to Kaddy and Ben Wingard on March 4.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SESSION

The Session has approved establishing an email address, session@lmpc.org, for the purpose of communications from congregants to the Session at large. This email address is meant for general comments or concerns. This inbox will be checked weekly by the Vice Moderator and/or Clerk of the Session.

Please note, this email address is not for pastoral emergencies, prayer requests, or spiritual and physical needs. Those should continue to be directed to the church office, a pastor, or your shepherding contact. For pastoral emergencies, please call the church office and listen to the options.

Committed to operating as a plurality of elders, the Session hopes this platform enriches the care for the flock of LMPC.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in Room 211.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER support group will welcome Dr. Maribeth Bosshardt, palliative care doctor, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in Room 212. Dr. Bosshardt will explain what palliative care is and when it is helpful. All are welcome. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more information.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of a loved one, please register on Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The deadline is March 23.

NOW HIRING: We are looking to add a few more subs to our Mother's Day Out team on Tuesdays and Thursdays this spring. These are paid, flexible positions. Contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss at megan@lmpc.org for details.

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