



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Father in heaven, we praise you that through the resurrection of Christ comes new birth into a living hope. We pray that your Holy Spirit will enlighten the eyes of our hearts to grasp the many dimensions of this hope. May the reality of your eternal Kingdom so grip our lives, shape our values, and fire our imaginations that we will use the time you have gifted us in this life to lay up treasure in the next. For the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

—Gilbert Lennox

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude "Alleluia" Handbell Ensemble
J. Wayne Kerr

Welcome and greetings Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* **Call to worship** from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks
to the LORD.

All: **We will give you thanks, for you answered us and have become our
salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has
done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

* **Hymn of praise 198**, vv. 1, 5, 6 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

text based on Psalm 24, by Georg Weissel, 1642; music from Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789, TRURO

* **Prayer of adoration**

Sacrament of baptism

Luisa and Drew Baxley bringing Sophia Marie Baxley

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

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

Psalms 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 44, vv. 1, 3, 4

“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 pow'r thro'out 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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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*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; Swedish folk melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949, O STORE GUD

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

Offertory

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbell Ensemble

* **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 4:27-42**

Dorcas Crenshaw

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Hope and Harvest”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. **An unlikely witness:** Come and see. (vv. 27–30)
2. **An urgent harvest:** The fields are white. (vv. 31–38)
3. **An undeniable faith:** because of his words (vv. 39–42)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 693

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*
text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1873; music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, ASSURANCE

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“In Christ Alone”
arr. Jason Payne

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – ensemble director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptism of Sophia Marie Baxley at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Luisa and Drew Baxley, and her grandparents, Catherine and Robert Crabtree.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel to celebrate communion. Nursery provided.

THERE WILL BE LIMITED WEDNESDAY EVENING activities on March 18 due to spring break: Chancel Choir will rehearse and Wednesday Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15 p.m. All other activities and dinner will resume the following week.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of a loved one, register on Realm Connect to give online, or contact the church office. The deadline is March 23; no additional orders will be made after this time.

EASTER IS COMING! Find our full list of Holy Week services at lmpc.org/easter. Please note: Easter Sunday morning services on April 5 will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., with no Sunday School hour. The sunrise service will be held at 7:15 a.m. at Point Park.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP to the Beechcraft Heritage Museum on Thursday, April 12. You'll enjoy a guided tour of this world-class aviation museum and lunch at the Sundrop Shoppe. Cost of \$15 includes the tour and travel (lunch not included). Register on Realm Connect by March 31 so arrangements may be finalized. We will meet at LMPC at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

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