



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

—Salisbury Primer, 1558

MARCH 22, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Karl Osterland

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #528)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: **Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

* Hymn of praise 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

from Colossians 1:15–20

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: **For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: **For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

Call to confession

1 John 1:8–2:1

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. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Hymn of confession

“Depth of Mercy”
(continue scrolling for words and music)

“Depth of Mercy”



1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.



God, the Just, his wrath for-bears; me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So
Let me now my sins de-plore, look to you and sin no more.



man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,



mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con-demned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: **We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: **We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service to the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.**

adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“Here Is Love”



1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as a flood, when the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and wide. Through the
3. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy Word; and thy
4. Let me, all thy love ac - cept - ing, love thee e - ver all my days; let me



Prince of Life, our ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood. Here is
flood - gates of your mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Here is
grace my need is meet - ing as I trust in you, my Lord. Of thy
seek thy King - dom on - ly and my life be to thy praise. Thou a -



love, Lord we re - mem - ber; from our hearts we lift your praise, rais - ing
love, like might - y riv - ers, poured un - ceas - ing from a - bove: heav - en's
full - ness, thou art pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me, with - out
lone shalt be my glo - ry; no - thing in the world I see. Thou hast



high the liv - ing an - them all will sing through end - less days.
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
meas - ure, full and bound - less, draw - ing out my heart to thee.
cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me; thou thy - self hast set me free.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory

“Amazing Grace!/Pachelbel's Canon”

Girls' Ensemble

arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

*** 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 4:43-54**

Cara Palmer

⁴³After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴(For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Not by Sight"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The danger of a surface-level interest in Jesus (vv. 43-45)
2. The deeper trust that Jesus requires (vv. 46-50)
3. The transforming power of Jesus' Word (vv. 51-54)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 521**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863, SOLID ROCK

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
arr. David Cherwien
(*words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343*)

Musicians for this week:

Kara Riley – ensemble director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

Good Friday Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Easter Sunrise Service

..... 7:15 a.m. at Point Park (weather permitting)

Easter Sunday Services

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary*

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall*

No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children

No Evening Gathering or youth activities

**indicates nursery available*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 tomorrow, March 23; no orders will be taken after that date.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER support group will welcome social worker Jeanie Christian of Aging Care Management, to their meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212. All are welcome. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more information.

SUPPORTED UK CHURCH PLANTER MALC CLARK will give a report at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel on April 8, following Wednesday dinner. It will conclude at 7:00 p.m. to allow parents to pick their children up from kids' club and nursery. Join us!

MOMS OF ALL STAGES, join us for "Moms' Coffee" on Friday, April 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the chapel for breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion. Beth Cappechi, Amy Fowler, Julia Glover, and Erin Hatcliff will discuss "Hopeful Parenting in Difficult Seasons." All of these women are mental health professionals from our church and will speak to us from both their professional and personal experience. Nursery is available for infants-PreK. No registration is required.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP to the Beechcraft Heritage Museum on Thursday, April 16. 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.