

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 25, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## **Order of Worship**

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**Welcome and greetings**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

\* **Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

**All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

\* **Hymn of praise**

“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*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

## Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

### \* Hymn of assurance

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav’n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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

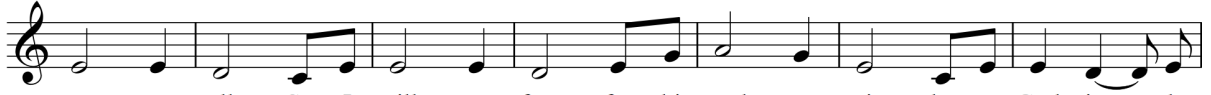
## Worship in the giving of God’s tithe and our offerings

## Offertory hymn

## "Ancient of Days"



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is still one King reign - ing  
2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, he is here with me; I am  
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and wait for the



o - ver all. So I will not fear, for this truth re - mains: that my God is the  
not a - lone. O his love is sure, and he knows my name, for my God is the  
Sa - vior King. Then my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to face, in the pres - ence of the



An - cient of Days. \_\_\_\_\_ None a - bove him, none be - fore him, all of time in his hands; for his  
An - cient of Days. \_\_\_\_\_  
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throne, it shall re - main and e - ver stand. \_\_\_\_\_ All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will



trust in his name; for my God is the An - cient of Days. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sacrament of baptism

Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt bringing Albert Layne Bosshardt

### \* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 9:25-10:11

Tabitha Kopic

<sup>25</sup>“So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you. <sup>26</sup>And I prayed to the LORD, ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>27</sup>Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or their wickedness or their sin, <sup>28</sup>lest the land from which you brought us say, “Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land that he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness.” <sup>29</sup>For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.’

<sup>1</sup>“At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood. <sup>2</sup>And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.’ <sup>3</sup>So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. <sup>4</sup>And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. <sup>5</sup>Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me.”

<sup>6</sup>(The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place. <sup>7</sup>From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water. <sup>8</sup>At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD to stand before the LORD to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance, as the LORD your God said to him.)

<sup>10</sup>“I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also. The LORD was unwilling to destroy you. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.’”

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

## **Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

### **Sermon**

“Mercy for Rebellious People”  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

For a rebellious people:

1. God graciously receives intercession. (vv. 9:25-29)
2. God mercifully renews his covenant. (vv. 10:1-11)

### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

*text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

\* **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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Greta Erickson** – vocals  
**Calvin Garriott** – piano  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Mike McCracken** – clarinet  
**Rebecca McCracken** – vocals

**Celebrating the baptism** of Albert Layne Bosshardt at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt, and his grandparents, Cynthia and James Gillis Sr. and Elaine and David Bosshardt.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The high school youth Uganda team will share a report from their recent trip.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME** Brennan Griffin, who officially joined us this week as LMPC's new Director of Children's Ministry. She has spent the last 20 years teaching in Walker County at Fairyland Elementary School.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE** at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org)! Take a look around and check out the new and improved features.

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND:** If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us on the LMPC playground on July 7 for fun and conversation from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. We'll have popsicles for the kids and coffee/cold drinks for the adults! No registration required.

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS,** hosted in individual homes in our community on July 13. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register on Realm Connect.

**VIPS, CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY** with Wacky Bingo in the fellowship hall on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy bingo, a boxed dinner, and lots of wild and wacky prizes! Please register on Realm Connect by July 14; cost is \$6. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

**IF YOU ARE AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO JOIN** the church, or you would like to learn about what we believe, mark your calendar for the Intro to LMPC class on August 19 and 20. Please register on Realm Connect by August 4. If you are not yet on Realm Connect, access registration by clicking the link on the event page: [lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc](http://lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc).

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