



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 16, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Deep River”
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 27 and Nehemiah 9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

All: He made the heavens and all the starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.

* Hymn of praise 2, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, LYONS

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Hymn of confession 485, vv. 1, 2, 3, 4

“O Thou That Hear’st When Sinners Cry”

O thou that hear’st when sinners cry, though all my crimes before thee lie,
behold them not with angry look, but blot their mem’ry from thy book.

Create my nature pure within, and form my soul averse to sin;
let thy good Spirit ne’er depart, nor hide thy presence from my heart.

I cannot live without thy light, cast out and banished from thy sight;
thy holy joys, my God, restore, and guard me, that I fall no more.

A broken heart, my God, my King, is all the sacrifice I bring;
the God of grace will ne’er despise a broken heart for sacrifice.

text by Isaac Watts, 1719; Gregorian chant, arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824, HAMBURG

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

from 2 Corinthians 5

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

* Hymn of assurance 524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain: To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law’s full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
of sins that none in heav’n or earth could bear but God. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*
text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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

Offertory

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.
text by Eva B. Lloyd, 1966; traditional American melody, BEACH SPRING

* 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 Deuteronomy 12:1-14**

Wil Nettleton

¹“These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ²You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. ⁴You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way. ⁵But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, ⁶and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. ⁷And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

⁸“You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, ⁹for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁰But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, ¹¹then to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the LORD. ¹²And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. ¹³Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, ¹⁴but at the place that the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Worshiping the Lord Our God”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. When we worship the Lord our God, we come **as**:
 - recipients of God’s blessing. (vv. 1, 7, 9-10)
 - repenters of our idolatry. (vv. 2-4)
2. When we worship the Lord our God, we come **with**:
 - members of God’s family under the authority of God’s Word. (vv. 5-8, 11-14)
 - joy in offering and sacrifice. (vv. 5-7, 11-14)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 565

“All for Jesus!”

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being’s ransomed pow’rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I’ve lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit’s vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.
text by Mary D. James, 1889; music by John Stainer, 1887, WYCLIFF

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

The RENEW update video shown at the conclusion of today’s service will be available to view on Monday, July 17 at lmpc.org/renew.

Our organist this week is Joshua Knight.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN TODAY'S RENEW VIDEO UPDATE, you will hear about the work of the building committee. The members of the LMPC building committee are: Margaret Arthur, Elizabeth Barnes, Stuart Bickley (chair), Robert Duncan, Scott Harrison, Frank Hitchings, Dowling King, Hugh Morrow, Everett Pierce, Mayes Starke, and Miller Welborn.

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING COMMUNION SERVICE at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME Margaret Lowery, who officially joined us this week as LMPC's new Director of Operations & Finance. Margaret graduated from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business with a degree in marketing and has experience in investment management, financial reporting, and human resources.

JOIN US IN SAYING "FAREWELL" to Hank Currin on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the JHYB. We will celebrate our beloved middle school co-director with an ice cream social for his many years of faithful service as part of our Youth Ministry Team.

WIDOWED? Help is here and hope is possible. Discover reasons for hope and tips for coping with the death of a spouse. Register on Realm Connect for our "Loss of a Spouse Seminar" and join us on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the JHYB Middle School Room.

A MINISTRY FAIR will be held on Sunday, August 13 for the purpose of learning about opportunities to serve. Stop by the Conference and Reception Rooms between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to connect with those serving in various ministries. Please prioritize attending; as we continue in this season of renewal, let us renew our spirit of service. Be sure you have a Realm Connect account and the app downloaded; contact realm@lmpc.org if you need an account.

WE NEED TEACHERS AND HELPERS to serve in children's ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. No teaching experience is necessary—just a desire to nurture, love, and grow in grace with the children here at LMPC. Please contact Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org if you are interested in volunteering with our children's ministry team, and she will coordinate your screening and training process.

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