

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 30, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

* **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

from Isaiah 55

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the
wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the
LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely
pardon.

Hymn of confession

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
(continue scrolling for words and music)*

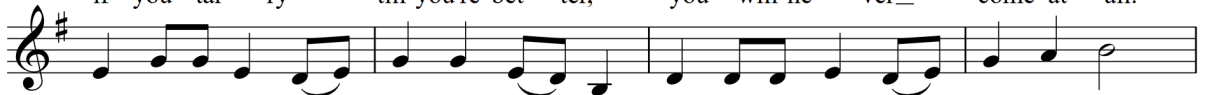
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"



1. Come, ye sin - ners, _ poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, _ sick and sore;
2. Let not con - science make you ling - er, nor of fit - ness _ fond - ly dream;
3. Come, ye wear - y, _ heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined _ by the fall;



Je - sus read - y stands to save _ you, full of pit - y, _ love and pow'r.
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel _ your _ need of him.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver _ come at all.



I will a - rise and _ go to Je - sus, he will em - brace me _ in his arms;



in the arms _ of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are _ ten _ thou - sand charms.

text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

* Hymn of assurance 172, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

text by John Newton, 1774; music from Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698, ALL SAINTS OLD

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

Offertory

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Instrumental meditation

arr. Kenon D. Renfrow

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

*** 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 26:16-19**

Derek Halvorson

¹⁶"This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹⁷"You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice.

¹⁸"And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, ¹⁹and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Covenant Declarations”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. What has the Lord commanded? (v. 16)
2. What does our declaration mean? (v. 17)
3. What does the Lord’s declaration mean? (vv. 18-19)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 355**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“We Are God’s People”

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.
*text by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976; music from Johannes Brahms, Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, 1876,
arr. Fred Bock, 1976, SYMPHONY*

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Postlude in C
Gustav Merkel

Joshua Knight is our organist today.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU ON REALM CONNECT? If not, check your email this Tuesday, August 1 for an invitation to join this church-wide communication tool. Create a login, download the app, and you'll have what you need to attend the LMPC Ministry Fair on August 13.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION opens on Realm Connect on Tuesday, August 1. This year, Family Camp will be a one-day only experience on Saturday, September 9, and we'll be bringing back our favorite activities, plus some new surprises. Go to lmpc.org/family-camp for more information.

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.

SUPPORTED HOME MISSIONS PARTNER, VISION OF MERCY, will host their "No Need to Struggle" community feeding event on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Miller Park. Volunteer opportunities are available on both Friday and Saturday and include packing nonperishable food bags, setting up tents and chairs, and interacting with guests. Please contact Missions Director Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org if you would like to learn more or sign up to help.

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. 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.

ALL ARE INVITED to a service of installation for John Mark Scruggs, our new pastor of congregational care, on Sunday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following this service, we will enjoy refreshments together as we celebrate with John Mark, Caroline, and their children Jack, Mary Margaret, and Sam. Nursery will be provided.

A VIP MOVIE NIGHT will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Enjoy pizza and popcorn and watch *The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music*, all for \$5. Please register on Realm Connect by August 13. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

OUR GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP will begin its fall session on Friday, August 18 and run for thirteen weeks, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Register on Realm Connect. The cost is \$20, which includes the workbook.

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

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