



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Ye earthly vanities, depart, forever hence remove; Jesus alone deserves my heart,  
and ev'ry thought of love. His heart, whence love abundant flow'd to wash the stains of sin,  
in precious streams of vital blood—here, all my hopes begin. Forbid it, Lord, O bind this  
heart, this rebel heart of mine, so firm, that it may ne'er depart, in chains of love divine.*

*—Anne Steele, “Desiring to Love Christ without Wandering”*

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\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*arr. Kenon Renfrow*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #381)*

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### Introit

“Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All”

Chancel Choir

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my all, hear me, blest Savior, when I call;  
hear me, and from thy dwelling place pour down the riches of thy grace.

Jesus, too late I thee have sought; how can I love thee as I ought?  
And how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of thy name?

Jesus, of thee will be my song; to thee my heart and soul belong;  
all that I have or own is thine, and thou, O blessed Savior, thou art mine.

Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore, O make me love thee more and more.

*text by Henry Collins; music by Bob Burroughs, 1963*

### \* Call to worship

from Psalm 62 and 63

Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

All: **He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

All: **Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

\* Hymn of praise 57, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;  
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel’s God to be his aid;  
he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
he delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;  
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

*text based on Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, RIPLEY*

\* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

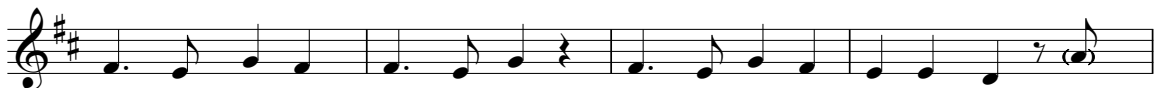
He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Hymn of confession

“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, and Bob Kauflin, 1997; music by Bob Kauflin ©1997 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI)*

## Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, in your hands are life and death. In your power we are sustained and in your mercy we are spared.

**All: Forgive us, for we have neglected the duties you have assigned to us. We have allowed the days and hours, of which we must give account, to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.**

Leader: Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command.

**All: Move us to repentance, by your grace, that we may know your mercy and pass our remaining time here on earth in diligent obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ.**

*based on a prayer by Samuel Johnson, Anglican writer and scholar (1709–1784)*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, 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.

\* Hymn of assurance 498, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
*text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, HYFRYDOL*

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

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,  
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation,  
a deliv’rer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heav’n  
through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,  
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love,  
ever move me from your love. Amen, amen.

*text by Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471; music by K. Lee Scott, 1989*

**\* 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 Luke 16:19–31**

Denny Wise

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup>“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

<sup>24</sup>“And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have

five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’<sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Sermon**

“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The stark contrast between two men (vv. 19–21)
2. The sobering reality of death and judgment (vv. 22–23)
3. The solemn lessons from the dialogue (vv. 24–31)
  - The great chasm is irreversible.
  - Scripture is all-sufficient.

#### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 455**, vv. 1, 4, 5

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int’reast in the Savior’s blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA*

\* **Benediction**

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”  
*arr. Roy Brunner*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Emily Drexler** – viola

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**David Henry** – trumpet, guitar

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Cindy Solfest-Wallis** – flute

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Tami Clancette Harrison**

July 16, 1961 – January 6, 2024

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tami Clancette Harrison.

**The rosebuds in the service** today are for the birth of Alexander Lee Holland, born to Iro and John Holland on December 26 and for the birth of Nathan Russell Ellis, born to Sarah and Mark Ellis on January 5.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: JANUARY 21, 2024**

We give thanks that God used you to generously provide for all the ministry and operational needs of LMPC in 2023. Join us on Stewardship Sunday next week, January 21, where we will discuss the 2024 annual budget and a report on 2023. Pick up a pledge card next week that you may bring forward during morning services on Sunday, January 28, or you can make your 2024 pledge online via Realm Connect. Thank you for your continued support!

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS** will be held in individual homes on Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. Register on Realm Connect by January 15.

**OUR VIP APPRECIATION** soup/salad luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the youth building. There is no cost, but seating is limited so please register on Realm Connect by Thursday, January 18. Pastor John Mark Scruggs will join us as our special speaker.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**, join us for lunch on January 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the youth building.

**A WOMEN'S WINTER MINI RETREAT** will be held at the Young Life Building downtown from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 3, featuring guest speaker Liz Edrington. Please register on Realm Connect; cost is \$25.

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