



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Your glorious majesty surround me, the blessed Trinity protect me, and the eternal Godhead preserve me. Your unlimited mercy support me; your loving kindness encompass me; your favor make me to rejoice. The eternal truth of God be my delight, the saving knowledge of Christ strengthen me, and the all-prevailing grace of God be sufficient for me. Lord my Creator, stand by me; my Redeemer, save me; and my Comforter, dwell with me. Amen.*

*-from Johann Habermann*

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\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*arr. Ovid Young*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30)*

**Welcome and greetings**

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

\* **Call to worship**

Psalm 67:3-7

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

**All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

**All: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

\* **Hymn of praise 53, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore’er we adore him.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### New member vows

### Call to confession

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

**Leader:** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**All:** **Be glad and rejoice! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

## \* Hymn of assurance 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*

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

Offertory

"Yet I Will Rejoice"

Chancel Choir

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines,  
though the olive trees do not yield, and the fields produce no food,  
though the sheep are cut off from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in God my Savior; I will rejoice in God the LORD.

LORD, I have heard of your mighty acts, and I am afraid.  
O LORD, revive your works in our time, in these days make them known;  
in wrath, remember mercy.  
I will wait patiently for the day of distress, for those to arise who will invade us.

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines,  
though the olive trees do not yield, and the fields produce no food,  
though the sheep are cut off from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in God my Savior; I will rejoice in God the LORD.

The LORD God is all my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
and I will walk upon the heights, upon the heights.  
*text from the "Prayer of Habakkuk"; Habakkuk 3:2, 16b-19; music by K. Lee Scott, 2013*

### \* 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 30:1-10

Olivia Oster

<sup>1</sup>"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup>and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup>then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup>If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will

take you. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

<sup>6</sup>“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

<sup>7</sup>“And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. <sup>8</sup>And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. <sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

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

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

#### **Sermon**

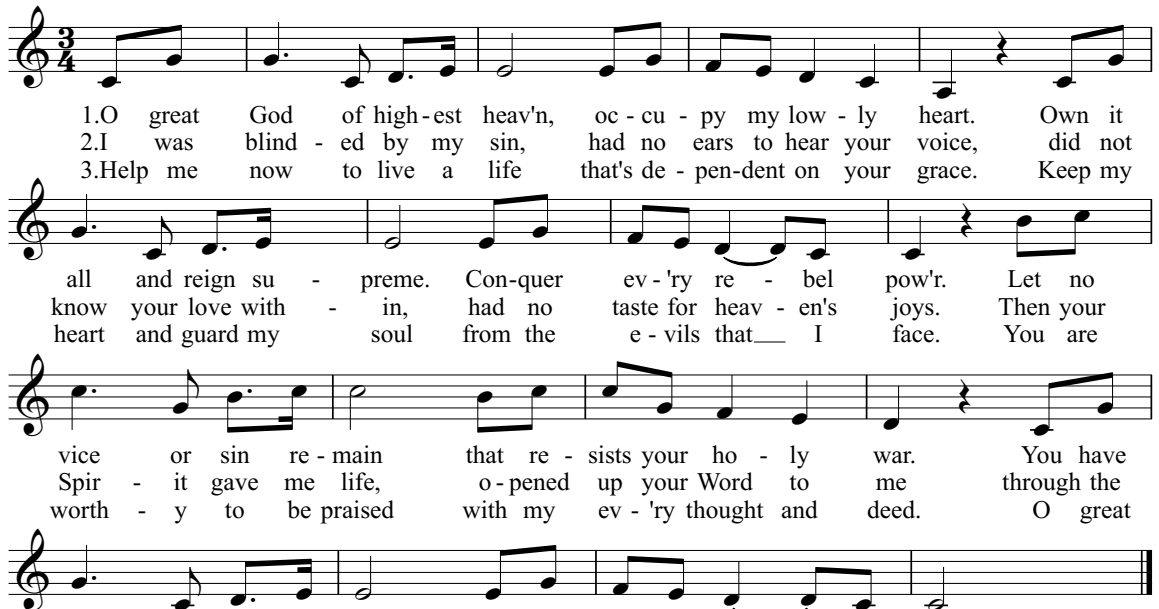
“Hope for Future Failures”  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The invitation for future failures: repent and return (vv. 1-5, 7-10)
2. The hope for future failures: new hearts and new life (v. 6)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“O Great God”



1. O great God of high-est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it  
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not  
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace. Keep my  
all and reign su - preme. Con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no  
know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then your  
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are  
vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war. You have  
Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me through the  
worth - y to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great  
loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er - more.  
Gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.  
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me.

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\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Emily Drexler** – violin  
**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**David Henry** – guitar  
**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Gary Len Teague**  
September 12, 1953 – April 19, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Len Teague.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of each worship service today in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2027. *A brochure about the candidates is available at [lmpc.org/officers](http://lmpc.org/officers) or in print in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby.*

**FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING TODAY**, we will celebrate communion and continue our series on the Fruit of the Spirit in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

**JOIN TOGETHER WITH THE LMPC BODY** in a focused time of daily prayer for 31 days as we petition God for renewal. If you don't have yours from last time, pick up a RENEW prayer guide in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex today, or use the digital version on the website. Plan to use this booklet in your personal and family prayer times, in your Bible studies and small groups, and corporately as we worship together each week.

**LMPC STAFF CAN NOW BE FOUND** in the Jane Harris Youth Building (301 N. Watauga) and the Cottage (309 N. Bragg), due to the upcoming interior restoration. Please call the church office at 423-821-4528 if you need help locating certain staff.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST HAS A NEW DATE** of Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us!

**THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD.** Come worship and sing with us for Scripture & Song on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Congregational singing will be led by multigenerational choirs (ranging in age from 6-86) with piano, organ, and string quartet. Your soul will be blessed by the words of well-loved hymns and Scripture-based anthems. Nursery will be provided.

**MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in various homes in our community. Register on Realm Connect by May 1 to join a group of about 8-12 other men and enjoy meat and fellowship together in an informal setting.

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS** of family fun at this year's Family Camp! Save the dates: September 6-8 (one-day option available).

**Celebrating the baptisms** of Kase Preston Fugate and Keaton Wesley Fugate at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Kimberly and Mark Fugate, and their grandparents, Jane and David Fugate.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Rebecca Heid at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today is her family.