



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Ye wretched, hungry, starving poor, behold a royal feast!  
Where mercy spreads her bounteous store for ev'ry humble guest.  
See, Jesus stands with open arms; he calls, he bids you come:  
guilt holds you back, and fear alarms; but see, there yet is room.  
Room in the Savior's bleeding heart, there love and pity meet;  
nor will he bid the soul depart that trembles at his feet. — Anne Steele*

MAY 5, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able.

# Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

\* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 138

**Leader:** I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will sing your praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name  
for your love and your faithfulness.

**All:** You have exalted your name and your word above all things. When I  
called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. May  
all the kings of the earth sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of  
the LORD is great.

**Leader:** The LORD is on high and looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows  
from afar.

**All:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You will  
fulfill your purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever—do  
not abandon the works of your hands.

\* **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 and the Lord’s prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

### Offertory hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016*

### \* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Rebekah Risley

<sup>11</sup>"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup>But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 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**

**"Covenantal Choice"**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Personal, covenantal relationship with God is a gift because he:

1. clearly reveals what he commands—no confusion. (vv. 11-14)
2. clearly reveals what is at stake—no deception. (vv. 15-20)

### **Pastoral prayer**

*This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.*

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### **Musicians for this week:**

**Ismael Bartolome** – violin

**Joel Christie** – vocals

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Jennifer Mixon** – vocals

**Bob Wharton** – piano

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Catherine Lott "Lottie" Lannae, born to Joy and Trey Lannae on April 24.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Robert Grady Love**

June 9, 1940 – April 30, 2024

**IN MEMORIAM**

**John Warren McEwen (Jack)**

April 2, 1999 – April 30, 2024

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD.** Come worship and sing with us tonight for our Sunday Evening Gathering, Scripture & Song 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. Nursery will be provided.

**THE CHURCH BUILDING HAS BEEN PREPPED FOR CONSTRUCTION,** so we will no longer have overflow seating or livestream in the chapel, Reception Room, or nursing mother's room. Note the new location for prayer with elders; it will now be held in the E-200 room of the children's education wing. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

**THE FULL SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2027** was elected by the congregation on April 28. They will be installed as officers in the morning services on Sunday, May 19.

**LOST AND FOUND TODAY ONLY:** Check the table in the fellowship hall lobby and claim your items. Everything must go today before renovations begin.

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