



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, you are as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land,
who beholds your weak creatures, weary of labor, weary of pleasure,
weary of hope deferred, weary of self.*

*In your abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness,
bring us, we pray, into your rest. Amen.*

—Christina Rossetti

MAY 12, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music traditional Welsh hymn melody

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Isaiah 5 and Proverbs 28

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

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

Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!
O, God was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Silent prayers of confession

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance

“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! 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

Affirmation of God's faithfulness

from Psalm 40

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

All: He put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Leader: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

All: Many, O LORD our God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were we to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

Leader: We proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; we do not seal our lips.

All: **We do not hide your righteousness in our hearts; we speak of your faithfulness and salvation. We do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly. May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, “The LORD be exalted!”**

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

Offertory hymn

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff’ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 31:1-13

text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer Mixon (9:30)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“God’s Faithfulness in Transition”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“O Church, Arise”

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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* Benediction

* 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.**

* Postlude

Musicians for this week:

Eleanor Caines – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Emmie Thompson – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR HIGH SCHOOL UGANDA TEAM will be commissioned tonight at our Sunday Evening Gathering in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. Please come, pick up a prayer card, and support them as they prepare to serve alongside Champions United and Amahoro Ministries.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES! Rising K-6 graders, join us for VBS at the Commons for worship, storytelling, crafting, and games. We'll learn about how heroes of the faith point us to our ultimate superhero, Jesus! VBS will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on June 25, 26, and 27. Space is limited and registration on Realm Connect is required; dinner will be provided.

CALLING ALL SUPERHERO VOLUNTEERS! We need your help to make VBS happen. Please sign up on Realm Connect and let us know your preference: storytelling, worship, registration, hospitality, crafts, games, etc. Training provided.

SAVE THESE DATES for women's summer events:

- Summer Suppers: June 11 & July 25 at 6:00 p.m. in various homes
- Popsicles on the Playground at The Commons: June 12, 19, & 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Book Clubs: July 9 at 6:30 p.m. at various restaurants

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN, our resource for continued sermon study, is paused for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

¹So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. ²And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' ³The LORD your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken. ⁴And the LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. ⁵And the LORD will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. ⁶Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." ⁷Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

⁹Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them, "At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths, ¹¹when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. ¹²Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, ¹³and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

SERMON NOTES

“God’s Faithfulness in Transition”

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

The promise of God’s faithful presence with his people means:

1. we should be strong and courageous amid change and transition. (vv. 1-8)

2. we should commit ourselves to investment in his Word and the next generations. (vv. 9-13)

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 12

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	children's education building, E-200
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering: Uganda team commissioning.....	fellowship hall

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

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Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm Connect? Keeping your photo current helps staff and church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. Update your photo by logging in, going to More → your current photo or initials → My Profile → then tapping the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen to either take a photo or choose one from your device. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.