



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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

Choral Prelude on CROFT'S 136TH
C. Hubert H. Parry

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* 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 295, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.
text by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868, DIADEMATA

* 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.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Chancel Choir

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.
text by Gerard Markland, 1978; music by Philip W. J. Stopford, 2010

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

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 164, vv. 1, 2, 3, 4

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON

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

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Chancel Choir

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your God and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
text by Charles Wesley, 1746; tune by John Darwall, 1770, arr. Dan Forrest, 2018

*** 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 31:1-13**

Amos Oster

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."

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"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

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)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 347**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 "The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
text by Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, AURELIA

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. Paul Manz

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #598)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Harrison Wells – trumpet
Kristin Wykoff – soloist

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kirby Ray Wahl.

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.

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