



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O Lord, you see that all hearts are empty unless filled by you,  
and all desires are frustrated unless they point to you.*

*So give us light and grace to seek and find you,  
that we may be yours, and you may be ours, forever.*

*—Christina Rossetti*

MAY 19, 2024 • SANCTUARY 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

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### Prelude

ELLACOMBE

*arr. Andrew Duncan*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #119)*

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* Call to worship

from Psalm 104

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

**All:** How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Leader:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

**All:** I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### \* Hymn of praise 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Officer ordination and installation**

**Call to confession**

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral prayer**

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

Chancel Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;  
and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;  
and with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;  
and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;  
and with actions brotherly speak my Lord’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;  
mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;  
ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;  
separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

*text by Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; music by Richard Redhead, 1853, REDHEAD*

**Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

from 1 John 4 and 1 Peter 2

**Leader:** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

**All:** We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**\* Hymn of assurance 535**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

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

**Offertory**

“O God of All Life”

Chancel Choir

Sing praise to our God; sing praise, all the earth,  
with trembling and awe, rejoicing and mirth!  
And meditate always on God’s holy name,  
forever in glory, forever the same!

O God of all life, now hid from our sight,  
your clothing is love; your garment is light.  
You ride on the wings of the wind and the rain,  
your ministers, fire, and your messengers, flame.

From you came the earth, its foundation stands  
forever unmoved, and safe in your hands.  
The sound of your thunder gave wings to the sea,  
and it brought forth your creatures, each plant, grass, and tree.

Your springs gush and flow in valleys and hills;  
all life comes from you, and joyfully spills  
by streams and by mountains and gladdens the heart.  
To you we are joined; let us never depart.

Sing praise to our God; sing praise, all the earth,  
with trembling and awe, rejoicing and mirth!  
And meditate always on God’s holy name,  
forever in glory, forever the same!

*text based on Psalm 104; music by Joseph Kraus, 1756-1792, arr. Marilyn Biery, 2011, LYONS*

**\* 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 31:14-29  
pp. 204-205 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Dan Wykoff (9:30)  
Jonas Dean (11:00)

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

### Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Our Repetitive Hope"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

### Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

1. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, whose price-less blood has ran-somed  
2. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er; my life he bought, my love he  
3. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, who car-ries me on ea - gle's  
me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails, and hung him on that judgment  
tree. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, who crushed the power of sin and  
lone. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, his faith-ful-ness my stand-ing  
sing. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, who waits for me at gates of  
death. My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge: the  
place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, my  
gold; and when he calls me it will be par - a - dise, his  
Lamb who is my right-eous-ness; the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.  
feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.  
face for - ev - er to be - hold; his face for - ev - er to be - hold.

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\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Glen Poehlmann

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #642)

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**David Henry** – guitar

**Maddie Lee** – piano

**Sam Miller** – violin

**OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION**

The LMPC officer class of 2027 will be installed during the worship services today. Any officer serving for the first time as either an elder or a deacon will also be ordained. The make-up date is May 26.

**ELDERS**

Trey Carr

Lea Courtney

Kelly Kapic

Steve Kaufmann

Keith Michaels

Avery Mixon

Marshall Rowe

Nathan Thompson

Joseph Wingfield

Rob Witcher

**DEACONS**

Eric Chandler

William Darby

Cross Doster

Mark Ellis

John Holland

Ryan Lusk

Cal Marshall

Jeff Nix

Matthew Smisson

Mayes Starke

Newton Wiggins

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Franny Ford and George Devaney on May 18.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**PASTOR CHAD MIDDLEBROOKS** is taking a much-deserved sabbatical from May 26 until September 1. Please pray for his rest. If you see him in the community, feel free to greet him. However, please protect him from the work and business of the church for this season. If you need assistance, contact Chad's assistant, Paula Plating (paula@lmpc.org or 423-424-4094), who will direct you to someone to help with your specific need.

**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

**CALLING ALL SUPERHERO VOLUNTEERS!** We need your help to make VBS happen on June 25, 26, and 27 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up on Realm Connect and let us know your preference: storytelling, worship, registration, hospitality, crafts, games, etc. Training provided. We'll learn about how heroes of the faith point us to our ultimate superhero, Jesus!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## Deuteronomy 31:14-29

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, the days approach when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may commission him.” And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud. And the pillar of cloud stood over the entrance of the tent.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them. <sup>17</sup>Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ <sup>18</sup>And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods. <sup>19</sup>Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel. <sup>20</sup>For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise me and break my covenant. <sup>21</sup>And when many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song shall confront them as a witness (for it will live unforgotten in the mouths of their offspring). For I know what they are inclined to do even today, before I have brought them into the land that I swore to give.” <sup>22</sup>So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel.

<sup>23</sup>And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you.”

<sup>24</sup>When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, <sup>25</sup>Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, <sup>26</sup>“Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. <sup>27</sup>For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD. How much more after my death! <sup>28</sup>Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. <sup>29</sup>For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”





**SERMON NOTES**  
“Our Repetitive Hope”  
*Deuteronomy 31:14-29*

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## TODAY AT LMPC

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Sunday, May 19

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 communion service.....	sanctuary

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

### JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at [lmpc.org/realms](http://lmpc.org/realms).

### 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.*

### CONTACT US

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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.