



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves, but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption!*  
—John Wesley

MAY 26, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Derek Halvorson, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

from Psalm 89

Leader: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

All: **You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

All: **Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.**

\* Hymn of praise 301, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Join All the Glorious Names”

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,  
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:  
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:  
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,  
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:  
his pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,  
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:  
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.  
*text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL*

\* Prayer of adoration

## Prayer for graduates

### Call to confession

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

### Hymn of confession

“I Plead for Grace”

I plead for grace, O God of steadfast love;  
by your great mercy, all my sin remove.  
Deeply ashamed for spurning you alone,  
I stand condemned before your holy throne.

Though you want truth and purity within,  
I am unclean, conceived with inborn sin.  
Purge me with blood, and wash me white as snow.  
Hide my transgressions; heal my broken soul.

Create in me a spotless heart, I pray.  
Take not your Spirit! Cast me not away!  
Restore to me salvation’s joy anew,  
then I will teach the lost to turn to you.

Lord, in your goodness, build up Zion’s walls.  
Let not my sin tear down your glorious cause.  
May you delight in ev’ry sacrifice  
offered by sinners you have purified.

*text by Joseph Tyrpak; music by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870, MORECAMBE*

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

#### \* Hymn of assurance 465

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:* Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *Refrain*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*  
*text by Julia H. Johnston, 1910; music by Daniel B. Towner, 1910, MOODY*

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

### **Offertory hymn 699**

“Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain:* Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true. *Refrain*  
*text by Frances Havergal, 1874; music by James Mountain, 1876, WYE VALLEY*

### **\* 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**

<sup>48</sup>That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, <sup>49</sup>“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. <sup>50</sup>And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, <sup>51</sup>because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah–kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. <sup>52</sup>For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth–peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

“The Death of Moses”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

1. A sad farewell to a flawed and committed leader (vv. 32:48–52, 34:1–12)
2. The clear need for a better, final Moses: Jesus (Hebrews 3:1–6)

**for reference: Hebrews 3:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 580**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:  
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav’nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where’er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.  
*text by Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; music by Henry Smart, 1836, LANCASHIRE*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**\* Postlude**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Alayna Bowers** – trumpet  
**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Harrison Wells** – trumpet

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR CHAD MIDDLEBROOKS** is taking a much-deserved sabbatical 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.

**WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MISSIONS REPORT** on Sunday, June 2, welcoming supported missionary partners Afrim and Lavdi, serving in Albania. This will be their first time visiting LMPC, so please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to hear about their important and strategic work. A time of prayer for our missionary partners will be held following their report.

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND:** If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us at The Commons playground on June 12, 19, and 26 for fun and conversation from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required.

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS,** hosted in individual homes in our community on June 11 and July 25. Invite your friends and neighbors! You may register now for the June date on Realm Connect. Interested in hosting? Email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

**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!

**CHOOSE YOUR NEXT READ FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS.** Select a book, register on Realm Connect, and attend the corresponding dinner and discussion on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Options: *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield at the Rosecomb, *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi at Public House, and *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller at Massey's Kitchen.

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

## **FINANCE UPDATE**

**Total 2024 Budget:** \$5,860,000

**2024 Pledges:** \$3,802,048 (65%)

**Remaining Pledges Needed:** \$2,057,952

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, May 22, 65% of our budget has been pledged. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so online at [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give) or through Realm Connect.