



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Lord, take my lips, and speak through them;  
take my mind, and think through it;  
take my heart, and set it on fire. Amen.*

—W. H. H. Aitken

JUNE 2, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able.

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

Larry Goodman, ruling elder

\* **Call to worship**

based on Psalms 90 and 92

**Leader:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All:** **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**Leader:** It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

**All:** **For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD!**

\* **Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

**\* 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**

**"Speak, O Lord"**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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**\* Scripture reading from Joshua 1:1-9**

Rebekah Risley

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.

"Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

<sup>7</sup>"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right

hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**                    “The Secret to Following God with Strength and Courage”  
Rev. David Arthur

Strength and courage come through:

1. trusting in the permanence of God’s promises. (vv. 1-5a)
2. walking in the encouragement of God’s presence. (vv. 5b-6)
3. committing to the centrality of God’s Word. (vv. 7-9)

### **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:**

**William Darby** – vocals  
**Calvin Garriott** – piano  
**Josué Gelabert** – violin

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Maddie Lee** – vocals  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** will include a report from 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.

**IN PREPARATION FOR OUR NEW SERMON SERIES**, Pastor Brian Salter sat down with Dr. Scott Jones to record a discussion to answer the question, "Why Study Joshua?" Scott, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies at Covenant College, shares helpful insights about this biblical book. Listen to this episode on LMPC's Pillar & Ground podcast, available wherever you listen to podcasts.

**COLLEGE-AGE WOMEN** are invited to a summer Bible/prayer study on Mondays, from June 10 through July 29. Meetings will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will include guided prayer and discussion on a rich book of prayers, *Every Moment Holy*. Drop in whenever your schedule allows, even if you cannot commit to the whole summer. For more information and the location, please contact Christy Gambrell, [christy.gambrell@gmail.com](mailto:christy.gambrell@gmail.com), or Julie Dean, [julie@lmpc.org](mailto:julie@lmpc.org).

**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](mailto: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.

**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).*

## **NEW SERMON SERIES — JOSHUA: STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**

Having finished our series in Deuteronomy on the banks of the Promised Land, the first section of the book of Joshua carries us into the land where God's people receive this long-awaited gracious gift. In this land, as God's covenant people, Israel enjoys God's grace while facing the constant challenge to accept the responsibilities given to them by God. These narrative accounts of conquest will provide many warnings, corrections, and encouragements for the church as we hope to see God's Kingdom come and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As the church engages in spiritual holy war by his Spirit, we will discover the better Joshua and the better warrior, Jesus Christ. May our eyes fixate on our Captain and Leader, Jesus, who defeats the devil in his first coming and who leads the church by his Spirit toward faithful obedience and Kingdom advancement until he ultimately conquers all of his and our foes at his glorious return.

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