



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Open wide the window of our spirits, and fill us full of light.
Open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.*

—Christina Rossetti

JUNE 23, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Psalm 46

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and
foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn of praise

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.
text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

* Prayer of adoration

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

1 Peter 1:14b-19

Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Hymn of confession

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*

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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

Leader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

All: For 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

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

“I Set My Hope on Jesus”

1. When this life of tri-als tests my faith, I set my hope on Je - sus. When the
 2. Though I fal - ter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Je - sus. When I
 3. Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though it

ques-tions come and doubts re - main, I set my hope on Je - sus. For the
 fail the fight and sink with - in, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though the
 of - fer all its vain re - wards, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though this

deep - est wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deep - er. There's a
 shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of jus - tice, I will
 heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace e - nough to fin - ish. Till I

truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Je - sus. I set my hope on
 cast my life on Cal - va - ry; I set my hope on Je - sus.
 wor - ship on that fi - nal day, I set my hope on Je - sus.

Je - sus, my rock my on - ly trust, who set his heart up -
 on me first. I set my hope on Je - sus.

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* Scripture reading from Joshua 2:1-24

Stephanie Pierce

¹And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” ³Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” ⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks

of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹²Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a sure sign ¹³that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.”

¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household. ¹⁹Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.” ²¹And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. ²²They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴And they said to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“An Unlikely Convert”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. Providence: God is at work in spite of our sin and failure. (vv. 1-7)
2. Provision: God grants salvation to the unlikeliest of people. (vv. 8-14)
3. Promise: God confirms his Word to his people. (vv. 15-24)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

*** 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:

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Katie Mindeman – vocals

Matthew Mindeman – vocals

Hannah Perry – flute

John Reeder – piano

Congratulations to Haley Dempsey on the adoption of Eric Bailey Dempsey on June 19.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND: Join us at The Commons playground on June 26 for fun and conversation from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required.

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.

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