



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 • 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

Prelude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. John Innes

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #32)

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, 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 302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* 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 486, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

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

“I Am Not Skilled to Understand”

I am not skilled to understand
what God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:
“Christ died for sinners,” this I read;
for in my heart I find a need
of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his place on high
and come for sinful man to die,
you count it strange? So once did I,
before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
my strength, my solace from this spring;
that he who lives to be my King
once died to be my Savior!

text by Dora Greenwell, 1873; American folk tune

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

Offertory hymn

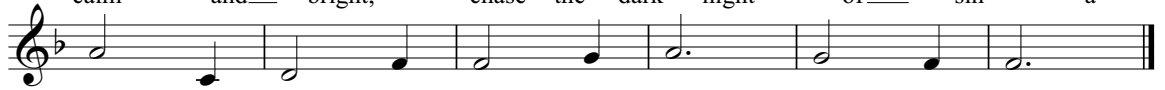
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”



1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that
3. Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful
4. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments



light of men, from the best bliss that earth im -
on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art
lot is cast; glad when thy gra - cious smile we
calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin a -



parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
good, to them that find thee all in all.
see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003

*** 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 Joshua 2:1-24**

pp. 210-211 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jim Richter (9:30)
Rachel Adams (11:00)

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"
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 75, vv. 1, 2, 4**

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

Postlude in C
Gustav Merkel

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Stephanie Wharton – flute

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

Joshua 2:1-24

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.”

SERMON NOTES
“An Unlikely Convert”
Joshua 2:1-24

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)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 23

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
4:30 p.m.	CPP training & VBS volunteer training	JHYB
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

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.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

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.*

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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.