



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Make our consciences quick and tender, O Lord,
that understanding we may obey your every word,
and discerning we may follow every suggestion of your indwelling Spirit.*

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. Amen.

—Christina Rossetti

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* Congregation standing as you are able.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Plating, ruling elder

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the
hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west,
from north and south.

All: Let us give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his
wonderful deeds. Let us exalt him in the assembly of the people.
Let the wise heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.

* **Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You’re the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You’re the Author of creation;
you’re the Lord of ev’ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict’ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*

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*** 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

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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*** Scripture reading from Joshua 4:15-5:12**

Rebekah Risley

¹⁵And the LORD said to Joshua, ¹⁶"Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan." ¹⁷So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." ¹⁸And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before. ¹⁹The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. ²¹And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?'

²²then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ ²³For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, ²⁴so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

¹As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

²At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.” ³So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. ⁸When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

¹¹And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Final Preparations for Battle”
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

1. The overwhelming dismay of God’s enemies (v. 1)
2. The sacramental consecration of God’s army (vv. 2–10)
3. The ordinary provision for God’s people (vv. 11–12)

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.

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Hannah Lutz – viola

Jennifer Mixon – vocals
John Reeder – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING tonight will be at 6:00 p.m. in the JHYB high school room with a time of prayer for our missionary partners.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN’S SUMMER SUPPERS, hosted in individual homes in our community on July 25. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register on Realm Connect.

NEW FACILITIES MANAGER Tucker Fryar joined the LMPC staff this week. Tucker owned and operated a property management company for over 15 years, with most of that work taking place on Lookout Mountain. We are grateful for the Lord providing him for this position. Find him (and all staff) at lmpc.org/staff.

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