



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Our God, in whom we trust,
strengthen us not to regard overmuch who is for us or who is against us,
but to see to it that we be with you in everything we do. Amen.*

—Thomas à Kempis

JULY 14, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Marty Parks

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #116)

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Daniel 2:20-23

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with him. We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers.

* Hymn of praise 57, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel’s God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.
text from The Psalter, 1912; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, RIPLEY

* Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading of praise

Leader: How magnificent for us to ponder, our triune God of grace:

**All: How your Word spoke creation into being;
how your Spirit breathed life into every living thing.**

Leader: We praise you, in concert with the praise
sung by trees and fields on earth and saints and angels in heaven.

**All: We praise you for the wonderful way our bodies are made—
for each breath we take, for each step we take;
for the gifts of sight and smell, hearing and feeling;
for minds that can observe and hands that can create.**

Leader: We worship you this morning, our triune God of grace.

**All: You are our loving Father: eternal, unchanging, full of light and life.
You sent your beloved Son to live among us, to bear our pain,
to redeem us. You raised him from the dead and have filled us with
your Spirit—teaching us, guiding us, enlivening us. And not even the
gates of hell can stand against your purposes.**
adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Call to confession

1 John 1:8–10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make
him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Hymn of confession 308

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868, ALL TO CHRIST

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied,
because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature.
But when I come near to you, there I see myself clearly.

All: **In your light, I behold my darkness. In your purity, I behold my corruption.**

Leader: O Lord, let me gaze on you more and more—

All: **Until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity; until, in the blaze of your glory, I fall to my knees, blinded and broken, to rise again as a new creation in you.**
adapted from a prayer by George Matheson

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

* Hymn of assurance 703, vv. 1, 3, 4

"Loved with Everlasting Love"

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so.
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine;
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine.

Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,
all his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love's design?
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?
 Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.
 Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,
 but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine;
 but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.
text by George W. Robinson, 1890; music by James Mountain, ca. 1890, EVERLASTING LOVE

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

Offertory hymn

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

1. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain; who_
 2. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be-side; who_
 3. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a-bove, whose
 plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain; who_
 floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly; whose
 wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For_
 crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness, and clothed me in his light, and_
 ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take, sus-
 ev-'ry day I have on earth is gi-ven by the King; so_
 wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u-pon my heart.
 tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low him.

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*** 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**

¹³When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?”

¹⁴And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.”

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵And the commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Whose Side Are You On?”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. **A revealing question:** Is God for us or against us? (v. 13)
2. **A re-orienting reply:** A call to reckon with who God is (v. 14a)
3. **A reverent response:** God’s presence calls for worship and obedience. (vv. 14b-15)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Cindy Solfest-Wallis – flute

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Josephine DeArmond Reynolds

June 15, 1936 – June 29, 2024

Cecil Lentz Reynolds Jr.

July 7, 1934 – July 2, 2024

Celebrating the baptism of Addilyn Grace Douglas at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Elizabeth Grace and Andrew Douglas, and her grandparents, Melanie and Bob Riddle and Karen and Steve Douglas.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Addilyn Grace Douglas by her grandparents.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH UGANDA TEAM will give a report today at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity both to hear about the longstanding partnerships at the center of their recent trip and to support our youth. We will watch a video recap, hear from team members, and enjoy refreshments after the report.

MEN, JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST and hear from supported national partners ministering in Turkey on Saturday, July 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Reservations not required.

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.

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION CONSTRAINTS, the evening communion services on July 21 and August 18 will not be held. The Lord's Supper will still be celebrated on the first Sunday morning of each month.

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