



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

With what shall we come before you, O Lord? Cause us to come unto you in faith: mentioning no other name, pleading no other righteousness, and trusting in no other atonement than the name, righteousness, and atonement of your blessed Son and our

Mediator, Jesus Christ. In him we desire to be found.

Blessed be your goodness for the mercies of the day. Amen.

— Augustus Toplady

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Cantabile Sacra”

Paul F. Page

*In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. —from Psalm 23*

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: **Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

* Hymn of praise 355, vv. 1, 2, 4

“We Are God’s People”

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv’n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav’n.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

text by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976; music from Johannes Brahms’ Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, 1876, SYMPHONY

* Prayer of adoration

International worker report

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem-er, whose price-less blood has ran-somed
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem-er; my life he bought, my love he
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem-er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails, and hung him on that judgment
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er; I'm sat - is - fied in him a -
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness, his tri-umph song I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, who crushed the power of sin and
 lone. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, his faith - ful - ness my stand-ing
 sing. I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er, who waits for me at gates of

death. My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge: the
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, my
 gold; and when he calls me it will be par - a - dise, his

Lamb who is my right-eous-ness; the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.
 feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.
 face for - ev - er to be - hold; his face for - ev - er to be - hold.

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

Offertory hymn 447

"Christ for the World We Sing"

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

text by Samuel Wolcott, 1869; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, ITALIAN HYMN

* 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 6:1-27

LJ Huffaker

¹Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ²And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." ⁶So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the

LORD.” ⁷And he said to the people, “Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD.”

⁸And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. ⁹The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰But Joshua commanded the people, “You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.” ¹¹So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp. ¹²Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

¹⁵On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. ¹⁸But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. ¹⁹But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” ²⁰So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

²²But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her.” ²³So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the

camp of Israel. ²⁴And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

²⁶Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." ²⁷So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Battle of Jericho"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

The battle of Jericho magnifies:

1. God's strange methods. (vv. 1-21)
2. God's holy presence. (vv. 17a, 18-19, 21, 24, 26)
3. God's faithful grace. (vv. 17b, 22-23, 25)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 172**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!”
text by John Newton, 1774; music from Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698, ALL SAINTS OLD

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho”
arr. Fela Sowande

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WOMEN’S SUMMER SUPPERS will be hosted in individual homes in our community on July 25. Please register TODAY on Realm Connect.

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG collection for the Salvation Army will begin on Sunday, August 11 and run through Sunday, September 1. Please pick up a tote then and fill it with food or toiletry items for this vital initiative.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF FAMILY CAMP! Join us September 6–8 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available). Registration on Realm Connect opens July 30. Visit lmpc.org/family-camp for more information.

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

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Samuel James Morse, born to Adair and Justin Morse on July 17.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$2,252,966 (38%)

Remaining gifts needed: \$3,607,034 (62%)

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. In the first six months of this year, 38% of our budget was given. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting LMPC in the remaining 62% needed in the second half of this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.