



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O Lord, forgive what I have been,  
sanctify what I am,  
and order what I shall be.*

*Amen.*

*—anonymous*

JULY 28, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL 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

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**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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**

from 1 Peter 1:14-19

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**

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;  
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;  
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

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To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;  
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;  
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.  
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,  
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!  
O, God was merciful to me!

*text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006*

## 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

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
*text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855*

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

## Offertory hymn

### “He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*Refrain:* He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

*original text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP,  
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## Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

### Sermon

#### “Sin in the Camp”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

### Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

#### “O Great God”

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer ev’ry rebel pow’r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me  
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my ev’ry thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify your name through me.

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**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Anna Hart – flute**

**David Henry – guitar, vocals**

**Jonah Hitchcock – cello**

**Charlotte Reeder – vocals**

**Emmie Thompson – vocals**

**Bob Wharton – piano**

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. Registration on Realm Connect opens July 30. (Saturday-only option available.) Visit [lmpc.org/family-camp](https://lmpc.org/family-camp) for more information.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](https://lmpc.org/events).*

## 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 2024, 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](https://lmpc.org/give).

## Joshua 7:1-26

<sup>1</sup>But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel. <sup>2</sup>Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. <sup>3</sup>And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." <sup>4</sup>So about 3,000 men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, <sup>5</sup>and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

<sup>6</sup>Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. <sup>7</sup>And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! <sup>8</sup>O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! <sup>9</sup>For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? <sup>11</sup>Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. <sup>12</sup>Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. <sup>13</sup>Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."'

<sup>14</sup>"In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the LORD takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the LORD takes shall come near by households. And the household that the LORD takes shall come near man by man. <sup>15</sup>And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel."

<sup>16</sup>So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. <sup>17</sup>And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. <sup>18</sup>And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. <sup>19</sup>Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." <sup>20</sup>And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: <sup>21</sup>when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

<sup>22</sup>So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. <sup>23</sup>And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. <sup>26</sup>And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

## SERMON NOTES

### “Sin in the Camp”

*Joshua 7:1-26*

1. The tragic story of sin in the camp
  - Defeat (vv. 1-5)
  - Dismay (vv. 6-9)
  - Diagnosis (vv. 10-13)
  - Disclosure (vv. 14-21)
  - Destruction (vv. 22-26)
2. The crucial takeaways from the story of sin in the camp
  - Sin is never hidden.
  - Sin is never merely individual.
  - Sin always receives judgment.

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## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 28

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
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).

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### 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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