



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O Lord, our hope is in you.  
Remove far from us empty hopes and presumptuous confidence.  
Make our hearts so right with your most holy and loving heart,  
that hoping in you we may do good, until that day when faith and hope  
shall be abolished by sight and possession, and love shall be all in all. Amen.*  
—Christina Rossetti

AUGUST 11, 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**

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 8

**Leader:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All:** **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

**Leader:** When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

**All:** **You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.

May redemption be the theme of our song.

For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

*Refrain:* Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,  
for salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,  
for salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,  
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.  
Still we're holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,  
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,  
with the glories of the Gospel to explain,  
now we pray your Kingdom come, and we pray your will be done  
for the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### Call to confession

Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

## Hymn of confession

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.  
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.  
*text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

## Prayer of confession

**Leader:** Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.

**All:** **We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those  
things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us.**  
*adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, Morning and Evening Prayer*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Hebrews 10

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once  
for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties;  
again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.  
But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down  
at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made  
his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are  
being made holy.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

*text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830*

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

**Offertory hymn**

“Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;  
in the suff’ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;  
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;  
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.  
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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**Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

**Sermon**

“Messy Mercy”  
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

*text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

**\* 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:**

**Charley Crichton** – bass  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Kuiper Roerdink** – vocals  
**Anna Stroud** – vocals  
**Bob Wharton** – piano

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S THE DAY!** Pick up a Build-a-Bag tote before or after morning services, fill it with food or toiletry items from the suggested list, and return it to the Jane Harris Youth Building on any Sunday morning by September 1. Help us stock the Salvation Army, who depends upon us for this collection each year.

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION CONSTRAINTS,** the evening communion service on August 18 will not be held.

**THE WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP KICKOFF** will be held on Sunday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Jill Pulver's home on Missionary Ridge. Please join us as we gather before the start of the ministry year for a time of song, prayer, and fellowship. Appetizers, desserts, and drinks will be provided. Register on Realm Connect to receive the address and parking instructions. Parking will be limited, so you are encouraged to carpool. There is a small fee of \$5 to attend.

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF FAMILY CAMP!** Join us September 6-8 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available). Registration on Realm Connect is open now; you must register by August 14 if you want to order t-shirts or hats! Visit [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp) for more information.

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

**The rosebuds in the service** today are for the birth of Holly Keith Owen, born to Jan and Spencer Owen on July 31, and the birth of Mabel Grace Whitted, born to Bethany and Chapman Whitted on August 5.

## Joshua 9:1-27

<sup>1</sup>As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, <sup>2</sup>they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel. <sup>3</sup>But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, <sup>4</sup>they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, <sup>5</sup>with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. <sup>6</sup>And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us.” <sup>7</sup>But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, “Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?” <sup>8</sup>They said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” And Joshua said to them, “Who are you? And where do you come from?” <sup>9</sup>They said to him, “From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, <sup>10</sup>and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth. <sup>11</sup>So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, ‘We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us.’” <sup>12</sup>Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. <sup>13</sup>These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.” <sup>14</sup>So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

<sup>16</sup>At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. <sup>18</sup>But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. <sup>19</sup>But all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. <sup>20</sup>This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them.” <sup>21</sup>And the leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

<sup>22</sup>Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, “Why did you deceive us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you dwell among us? <sup>23</sup>Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.” <sup>24</sup>They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing.



## **SERMON NOTES**

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## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 11

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

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

### JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

### 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. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.