



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 • SANCTUARY 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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**Prelude**

**"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"**

*arr. Albert Travis*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #5)*

**Welcome and greetings**

Joe Donnovin, 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 580**

**"Lead On, O King Eternal"**

## \* 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 261

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

### 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

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 679**

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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

**Offertory**

“Who but the Lord?”

Chancel Choir

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,  
can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?  
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, “Here am I”?  
Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,  
brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?  
Who but the Lord will by his glory show the paths of peace?  
O shine on us the brightness of your face,  
to earth's remotest end, ev'ry people, ev'ry race.  
O shine on us until to each is shown your saving grace.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

*text 11th century Latin and Susan Bentall Boersma; music by Craig Courtney © 2017 Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* 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**

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

**Sermon**

“Messy Mercy”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r;  
crown your ancient church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;  
from the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Heal your children’s warring madness, bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your Kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss your Kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

*text by Harry E. Fosdick, 1930; music by John Hughes, 1907, CWM RHONDDA*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**\* Postlude**

Grand Choeur  
*Théodore Salomé*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**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.



## 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).*

### 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.

### 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.