



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord my Lord, this is thy day.
I bless thee for the throne of grace,
that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest
and find thee ready to hear, waiting to be gracious,
inviting me to pour out my needs, promising to give more than I ask or think.
– taken from “The Lord’s Day,” The Valley of Vision*

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

arr. Joe Utterback

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #338)

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* Call to worship

from Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

All: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

Leader: The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. Praise the LORD.**

* Hymn of praise 441

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!
text based on Psalm 72, by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

*** Prayer of adoration**

Sacrament of baptism

Joy and Trey Lannae bringing Catherine Lott Lannae

Call to confession

from Isaiah 5 and Proverbs 28

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.
Their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have
rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One
of Israel.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and
renounces them finds mercy.

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**

“Here Is Love”
(continue scrolling for words and music)

“Here Is Love”



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as a flood, when the
 2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains o - pened deep and wide. Through the
 3. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy Word; and thy
 4. Let me, all thy love ac - cept - ing, love thee e - ver all my days; let me



Prince of Life, our Ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood. Here is
 flood - gates of your mer - cy, flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Here is
 grace my need is meet - ing as I trust in you, my Lord. Of thy
 seek thy King - dom on - ly and my life be to thy praise. Thou a -



love, Lord we re - mem - ber; from our hearts we lift your praise, rais - ing
 love, like might - y riv - ers, poured un - ceas - ing from a - bove: heav - en's
 full - ness thou art pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me with - out
 lone shalt be my glo - ry; no - thing in the world I see. Thou hast



high the liv - ing an - them all will sing through end - less days.
 peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
 meas - ure, full and bound - less, draw - ing out my heart to thee.
 cleans'd and sanc - ti - fied me; thou thy - self hast set me free.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

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

Offertory

“Write Your Blessed Name”

Chancel Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
 there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
 that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation,
 a deliv'rer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heav'n
 through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
 there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
 that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love,
 ever move me from your love. Amen, amen.

text by Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471; music by K. Lee Scott, 1989

*** 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 10:1-15**

Amos Oster

¹As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, ²he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors. ³So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, ⁴“Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.” ⁵Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.

⁶And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.”

⁷So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. ⁸And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.” ⁹So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. ¹⁰And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword. ¹²At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” ¹³And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their

enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. ¹⁴There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel. ¹⁵So Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Victory from Heaven”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The enemy's threat to God's people (vv. 1-5)
2. The desperate cry for help from God's people (v. 6)
3. The astounding victory from heaven for God's people (vv. 7-15)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 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 Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, RIPLEY

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“From God Shall Naught Divide Me”

Johann Krebs

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Celebrating the baptism of Catherine Lott Lannae at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Joy and Trey Lannae, and her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Thurman and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wells.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie Howell, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION CONSTRAINTS, there will be no evening communion service today.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER? Each Sunday, elders are available to pray with you in between services at 10:30 a.m. in the E-200 room, located in the children's education wing. An usher can direct you if you need assistance.

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.

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. Thank you for participating!

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF FAMILY CAMP! Join us September 6-8 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available). Registration on Realm Connect is open until August 27. Visit lmpc.org/family-camp for more information.

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