



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Grant me, O Lord, to know that which ought to be known, to love that which ought to be loved, to praise that which pleases you, to esteem that which is precious to you, to blame that which is evil in your eyes. Give me wisdom and discernment to differentiate what is good from what only appears to be good, and above all to be always seeking after your will and your good pleasure. —Thomas à Kempis

AUGUST 25, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

arr. Maureen Howell

(words for meditation may be found in Ephesians 2:4-5)

Welcome and greetings

Derek Halvorson, ruling elder

Introit

“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

Chancel Choir

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,
who in the Lord’s house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.
Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim;
in Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.
text based on Psalm 135:1-7, 21; music from The Creation by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1798

* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: **Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

* Hymn of praise

“Father, Lord of All Creation”

Father, Lord of all creation, ground of being, life, and love,
height and depth beyond description, only life in you can prove.
You are mortal life’s dependence: thought, speech, and sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour’s existence, sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others, we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love, as sisters, brothers, all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together, you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever, here your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action, nevermore to speak alone.
God, in us, abolish faction; God, through us, your love make known.
text by Stewart Cross; music by Ludwig van Beethoven, ODE TO JOY, descant arr. Samuel Metzger, 2006

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Cloud of Unknowing, 14th c., translated by Thomas Cranmer

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

*** Hymn of assurance 523, vv. 1, 2, 4**

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain: For me he died, for me he lives,
and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. *Refrain*

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,
and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. *Refrain*
text and music by Norman J. Clayton, 1945, WAKEFIELD

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

Offertory

“O Worship the King”

Chancel Choir

O worship the King all glorious above,
and 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.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806), arr. Robert Shaw

*** 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 10:16–28**

¹⁶These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷And it was told to Joshua, “The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.” ¹⁸And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, ¹⁹but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand.” ²⁰When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, ²¹then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

²²Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave.” ²³And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. ²⁴And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings.” Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. ²⁵And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.” ²⁶And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. ²⁷But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day. ²⁸As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Crushed Enemy”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The false refuge of the kingdoms of this world (vv. 16–21)
2. A clear picture of the victory of God’s Kingdom (vv. 20–28)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 92, vv. 1, 2, 4

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

text and music by Martin Luther, 1529, based on Psalm 46, EIN' FESTE BURG

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

RENEW update

* **Postlude**

Postlude on “Ode to Joy”
Brenda Portman

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ

Bob Schmidt – trumpet

Celebrating the baptism of Alexander Lee Holland at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Iro and John Holland, and his grandmother, Lisa Holland.

IN MEMORIAM

Marian Mathews Harris

May 30, 1937 – August 21, 2024

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOUR BUILD-A-BAG TOTE using the suggested list, and return it to the Jane Harris Youth Building today or September 1. Volunteers will be there to assist you. Help us reach our goal of 325 bags!

THE WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP KICKOFF will be held today at 6:30 p.m. at Jill Pulver's home on Missionary Ridge. 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! Registration on Realm Connect is open until August 27. Visit lmpc.org/family-camp for more information.

LOOKING TO DIG DEEPER AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY? Please visit lmpc.org/groups to view details on Bible studies being offered this fall for both women and men. Find a time and location that works for you; several groups will study particular books.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY? Join the team traveling to Juba, South Sudan, October 30–November 9 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org) and utilize your gifts. Contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNI.org for more information.

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

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JULY 31, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$2,659,061

Remaining gifts needed: \$3,200,939

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,462,775

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.