



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Thou who art come to seek and to save lost things, buried things, I lift mine eyes to thee. Many have offered me a golden tomorrow: thou alone hast offered to retrieve my yesterday. Restore to me the waste places of my heart. Reveal to me the meaning of my failures. Show me that there was manna in my desert that even Canaan did not hold. Then shall mine be a harvest joy, a resurrection joy, the joy of gathering the buried past. Then shall my heart be satisfied that the travail of the soul was autumn's gain. —George Matheson, Day Unto Day*

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #457)

### Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

### Introit

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Chancel Choir

Choir: All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**All: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*text by William Kethe, 1561, based on Psalm 100; music from Louis Bourgeois' Genevan  
Psalter, 1551, arr. R. Vaughan Williams, OLD HUNDRETH*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Open  
for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks to the  
LORD.

**All: We will give thanks, for you answered us and have become our  
salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has  
done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\* Hymn of praise 97**

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life’s storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, escape you will make us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.  
*text by Julia Cady Cory, 1902; Netherlands melody, 1626, arr. Edward Kremser, 1877; KREMSER*

**\* 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

1 John 1:8–2:1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

## Prayer of confession

**Leader:** O Lord, in your hands are life and death. In your power we are sustained and in your mercy we are spared.

**All:** **Forgive us, for we have neglected the duties you have assigned to us. We have allowed many days and hours, of which we must give account, to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.**

**Leader:** Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command.

**All:** **Move us to repentance, by your grace, that we may know your mercy and pass our remaining time here on earth in diligent obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ.**

*based on a prayer by Samuel Johnson*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 Peter 1

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. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

### \* Hymn of assurance 468

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:* I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:  
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*  
*text by Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741–1831, LANDAS*

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

### **Offertory**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chancel Choir

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed, thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*  
*text by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; music by William Marion Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS, arr. Dan Forrest © 2019 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**

<sup>1</sup>Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.

<sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### Sermon

“The Plot to Destroy Jesus”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The irony of the plot to destroy Jesus (vv. 1-2)
  - While celebrating God's deliverance, they are planning Jesus' death.
2. The revealing marks of those who plot to kill Jesus (vv. 2-6)
  - Fear of people (vv. 2, 6)
  - Reality of evil (v. 3)
  - Operating in secret (v. 4)
  - Presence of greed (v. 5)

#### Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response 246, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

*text and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875, HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Sovereign King”

*from Mainz Gesangbuch, 1870, arr. Brendan Elliget*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Tommy Bulman** – trumpet

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Curt Elverd** – trumpet

**Harrison Wells** – trumpet

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL WOMEN OF LMPC** are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT** Christmas event on Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy a pizza dinner and then play bingo! Please register on Realm Connect; regular Wednesday dinner prices apply.

**SAVE THESE TWO DATES:** Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.

**A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, December 8, for the purpose of approving a slate of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon for the class of 2028. Those men approved to stand for office will undergo training in the new year. The final election to office will take place in April 2025.

**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so through Realm Connect by December 12. For more information, call the church office or email [margaretcompton@lmpc.org](mailto:margaretcompton@lmpc.org).

**THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS** will be held January 24–26. Save these dates if you are an adult who wants to join the church.

**INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY?** Join the team traveling to Juba, South Sudan, February 12–22 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org). This will be RMNI’s 17th trip to the region. Contact Jim Sutherland at [jim@RMNI.org](mailto:jim@RMNI.org) for more information.

## **GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024**

**Annual Budget:** \$5,860,000

**2024 Giving YTD:** \$3,793,263

**Remaining Gifts Needed:** \$2,066,737

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$739,411

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far in 2024. As we near the end of the year, please consider how you might contribute towards our mission of glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Find ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give).

## **RECEIVE LMPC'S WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL**

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