



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Draw forth my soul to yourself by the secret power of your love, as the sunshine in the spring draws creatures from their winter homes. Meet it halfway, draw me to yourself, like a compass is drawn to the north. Dispel the clouds that hide your love from me, or remove the scales that keep my eyes from beholding you. For only the beams that stream from your face, and the taste of your salvation, can make a soul say, Lord, now let your servant depart in peace. Amen. —from a prayer by Richard Baxter*

JUNE 1, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*arr. Ruth Coleman*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #53)*

### Welcome and greetings

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalms 90 and 92

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

**All: For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD!**

### \* Hymn of praise 76, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.  
*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1834, based on Psalm 103; music by John Goss, 1869, LAUDA ANIMA*

**\* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to offering**

Luke 12:15

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness,  
for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

**Offertory**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Instrumental meditation

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*text by Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858; music by Johann Crüger, 1647, arr. Kristin  
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**\* Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. <sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! <sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! <sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. <sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. <sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. <sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. <sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**                    "Thanksgiving: An Exhortation, Invitation, and Guarantee"  
   Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. **An exhortation:** God's gracious deliverance exhorts us to praise and gratitude. (vv. 1-7)
2. **An invitation:** God's marvelous goodness invites us to taste, trust, and turn. (vv. 8-14)
3. **A guarantee:** God's attentive presence guarantees our sure hope of redemption. (vv. 15-22)

**Pastoral prayer**

*This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Cameron Wilcox** – violin

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (church office building).

**VIPS, JOIN THE PASTORS** for ice cream in the chapel on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Participate in a Q&A and learn more about the pastoral philosophy of ministry at LMPC. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

**OUR FIRST WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER** will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 10 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect.

**SING IN THE MEN'S OR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE THIS SUMMER:** We'd love to have you join us! Both ensembles will be under the direction of Joel Christie. This opportunity is for high school age and above. Men's Sunday singing dates are June 15, 22, 29, each with a Thursday evening rehearsal before. Women's Sunday singing dates are July 13, 20, 27, each with a Wednesday evening rehearsal before. Find details and register on Realm Connect if interested. Direct any questions to David Henry, davidh@lmpc.org.

**LMPC'S MOTHER'S DAY OUT** program is hiring teacher aides and substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year (Tuesdays and Thursdays only). For more information, please contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss at megan@lmpc.org.

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