



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Lord of the Kingdom where losing is winning and love has a strength which gives promise of dawn; teach us in our doubting to know resurrection and live in your world as a people reborn. O Lord in your Kingdom the poorest are welcome, the homeless find lodging, the outcasts belong; fill us with your loving and free us, Lord Jesus, to worship and serve you all ages along. —Edmund Banyard

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Larry Goodman, ruling elder

Introit

“A Psalm of Praise”

Men’s Ensemble

Sing to the Lord with a voice of thanksgiving,
shout unto God with a psalm of praise:
thanks for the blessings of ev’ryday living;
praise for God’s grace, which crowns all our days.

Give to the Lord all honor and blessing,
wisdom and power and glory and might;
give to the Lord all honor and blessing:
praise to the Lord, immortal praise!
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*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

All: We will praise the LORD all our lives; we will sing praise to our God as long as we live.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow. The LORD reigns forever, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

* Hymn of praise 111

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915, TERRA BEATA

* 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

based on Micah 6:6-8

With what shall we come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall we come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
He has shown us, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of us?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, you have shown us true humility by becoming one of us.

All: Yet too often we are arrogant and value self-preservation above all else.

Leader: You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem.

All: Yet too often we rush past the pain of others or assign your judgment to them.

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, and cast out.

All: Yet too often we focus our love on those who are strong and respected.

Leader: You freely forgave and healed.

All: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause more destruction than healing.

Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life and sought to do the will of your heavenly Father.

All: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness or desire our Father's will be done.

Leader: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**All: Yet too often we blend into our culture or hide from it.
Forgive us Lord, that we might declare your praises, you who
brought us out of darkness and into your wonderful light.**

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and 1 Peter 2:9b

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“The Shepherd Psalm”

Men's Ensemble

The Lord is my shepherd; there's nothing more I'll ever need.
I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green; I'll follow wherever he leads me.

The Lord is my shepherd; beside the still waters I go.
My soul is restored, I walk with my Lord, his righteousness 'round me will flow.

And if I should walk in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid;
my shepherd, the Lord, goes wherever I go, his rod and staff are my comfort.

I know that the Lord is my shepherd; I'll sit at his table to dine.
His goodness and mercy will follow my days, and heaven will surely be mine,
and heaven will always be mine.

text paraphrased from Psalm 23, Mary Kay Beall; music by John Carter © 1984 Hope Publishing Co., ASCAP

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

from Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. For 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.

*** Hymn of assurance 164, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, AZMON

Call to offering

Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

Men's Ensemble

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.
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*** 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 Psalm 82**

Olivia Oster

¹God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

²“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? ³Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. ⁴Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” ⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; ⁷nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.”

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Justice: When Power Pollutes”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. **The Court:** God as Judge over all (v. 1)
2. **The Charge:** Power called to account (vv. 2-7)
3. **The Cry:** A deep longing for justice (v. 8)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 310**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain*

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n. *Refrain*

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. *Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain*
text by Charles Wesley, 1746; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – Interim Ensemble Director
Joshua Knight – organ

Maddie Lee – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES kicks off today at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us to hear about the important and strategic work being done by the China Partnership as we pray together for the persecuted church. Child-friendly activities and refreshments will be provided.

JOIN THE PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR WORSHIP during its upcoming meeting in Chattanooga. Three services will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center, led by pastors and musicians from our presbytery: Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 25 at 4:45 p.m., and Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. Park in a nearby garage or at metered street parking (free after 6:00 p.m.). Learn more about GA and find a full schedule at pcaga.org.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND is back on Friday, June 27. Meet at the Commons from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to fellowship with other women; bring your kids!

LMPC'S ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place next Sunday, June 29. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Thurman Williams, Director of Homiletics at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis and Associate Pastor of New City Fellowship – West End, also in St. Louis. He will preach at all morning services as well as our Sunday Evening Gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided. For more information, visit lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS will be held July 10. Read your chosen book and meet at a local restaurant. Make your selection and find details on Realm Connect.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next membership class will be held August 22–24. Please register on Realm Connect.

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