



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*He is in heaven. Yet he gives us wings to rise to him, and gives us words to sing,  
if we'll forsake our vain imaginings and recognise our risen Lord and King.*

*—from Malcolm Guite, Psalm 115: CXV Non nobis, Domine*

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\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Robert A. Hobby

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #44)

## Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

## Introit

“Be Joyful in the Lord”

Women’s Ensemble

Be joyful in the Lord and bless his holy name;  
O, bless ye his name, his name forevermore;  
O, bless ye his name, bless his name forevermore.

Give thanks unto the Lord, give thanks and bless his name.  
His steadfast love endures forever, forevermore.  
For the Lord is my strength and my song,  
he hath become my strong salvation.

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever, his steadfast love endures!  
O, be joyful in the Lord and bless his holy name,  
for he hath become my song and my salvation!

*text from the Psalms; music by François Couperin, 1688-1733, arr. Kenneth W. Jewell, 1964*

## \* 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 38**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!  
*text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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.

**Hymn of confession 500**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to world unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984, NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP*

**Silent prayers of confession**

**\* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on Ephesians 2

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

**\* Hymn of assurance 679, vv. 1, 2, 3**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*  
*text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882, TRUST IN JESUS*

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

### **Offertory**

“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”

Women's Ensemble

Praise the Lord, his glories show, alleluia!  
Saints within his courts below, alleluia!  
Angels round his throne above, alleluia!  
All that see and share his love, alleluia!

Earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, alleluia!  
Tell his wonders, sing his worth, alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, alleluia!  
Praise him, praise him evermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, his mercies trace, alleluia!  
Praise his providence and grace, alleluia!  
All that he for man hath done, alleluia!  
All he sends us through his Son, alleluia!  
Alleluia! Amen!

*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; music by Robert Williams, 1781-1821, arr. Marion Vree, 1963, LLANFAIR*

### **\* 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 115**

Amos Oster

<sup>1</sup>Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! <sup>2</sup>Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” <sup>3</sup>Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

<sup>4</sup>Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. <sup>5</sup>They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. <sup>6</sup>They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. <sup>7</sup>They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. <sup>8</sup>Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

<sup>9</sup>O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. <sup>10</sup>O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. <sup>11</sup>You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. <sup>12</sup>The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; <sup>13</sup>he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. <sup>14</sup>May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! <sup>15</sup>May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth! <sup>16</sup>The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. <sup>17</sup>The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. <sup>18</sup>But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

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

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

#### Sermon

“Confidence: Our God Reigns”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Because of God's consistent, loving faithfulness, believers respond by:

1. reminding ourselves of God's supremacy. (vv. 1-3)
2. rejecting the foolishness of idols. (vv. 4-8)
3. relying on God's faithful care. (vv. 9-18)

#### Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response 2, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O 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.

Your 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 you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, LYONS*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*arr. David Cherwien*

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

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie** – Interim Ensemble Director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LATER TODAY FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES**, we'll celebrate 10 years of ministry in Scotland with LMPC members and supported missionaries, Robbie and Lydia Sweet. Child-friendly activities and refreshments will be available, so bring the whole family and join us in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND** is back on Friday, July 18. Meet at the Commons from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to fellowship with other women; bring your kids!

**OUR SECOND WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER** will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 24. Gather in local homes and share a meal. Please register on Realm Connect. If you can host a supper, email [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:** Adult teachers and grade level helpers are needed on Wednesday nights this fall for Kids' Club, and nursery helpers are needed for Sunday mornings this fall, especially due to our new worship schedule. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Email Director of Children's Ministries Brennan Griffin at [brennan@lmpc.org](mailto:brennan@lmpc.org) for Kids' Clubs and Nursery Director Ann Williamson at [ann@lmpc.org](mailto:ann@lmpc.org) for nursery.

**LMPC'S NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE** begins next month. On Sunday, August 3, worship services will shift to 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. The new common Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. will not start until August 17.

**ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A CHILD LEAVING NURSERY OR ENTERING THE YOUTH MINISTRY?** On Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m., we will have special opportunities for you. If you have a 4-year-old preschooler entering worship services for the first time, bring your child to the chapel to learn about worship from a pastor. If you have a rising sixth or ninth grader, or you'd just like to learn more about LMPC youth ministry, join youth staff in Room 313 (old Upper Room classroom).

**GOOD NEWS CLUB** is an after-school opportunity for kids to hear the Gospel, presented by volunteers from area churches. LMPC will partner with supported Home Missions agency Child Evangelism Fellowship to sponsor these clubs at local schools this fall, and we need volunteers. After training, the time commitment is two hours a week, with shared teaching responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young: [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

**HOW WILL YOU "GIVE 2" AND SPEND YOUR SECOND HOUR** on Sunday mornings this fall? Come to our open house on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m. to visit Sunday School classrooms to see where you and your children can attend, and to connect with ministries to consider how you might serve.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*