



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Anglican Service Book

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. Richard Elliott

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #34)

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

Introit

“Joyfully Sing!”

Women’s Ensemble

Joyfully sing alleluia, glory in the highest,
praising the name of God above, glory in the highest.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now gladly sing unto our God.

Sing unto God, grateful thanks proudly bring;
let now your voices and clear echoes ring.
Let all the music and praise fill the air;
hear how the sounds now ring out everywhere.
Come and rejoice, lift heart and voice.
Come one and all now, O come and sing your praises to the Lord.

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praising the name of God above, glory in the highest.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now gladly sing unto the Lord our God!
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* Call to worship

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

* Hymn of praise 53, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore’er we adore him.

text based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music from Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665, LOBE DEN HERREN

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

*** Hymn of assurance 455, vv. 1, 3, 5**

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Refrain*
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA

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

Offertory

“O Love”

Women's Ensemble

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Elaine Hagenberg © 2016 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**

*** Scripture reading from Psalm 147**

Jim Richter

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! ¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. ¹⁴He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. ¹⁵He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. ¹⁶He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. ¹⁷He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. ¹⁹He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. ²⁰He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. 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

“Praise: The Wonder of His Work and Word”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Praise the Lord: the wonder of his redemptive work (vv. 1-14)
 - He restores the ruined and broken. (vv. 1-6)
 - He provides for all things, big and small. (vv. 7-9)
 - He delights in those who trust him. (vv. 10-11)
 - He protects those who hide in him. (vv. 12-14)

2. Praise the Lord: the wonder of his revealing Word (vv. 15-20)
 - The power of his Word (vv. 15-18)
 - The grace of his Word (vv. 19-20)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 100**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861, NICAEA

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – Interim Ensemble Director
Xaris Emmett – viola

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

IN MEMORIAM

Michael M. Aiken

May 23, 1953 – July 21, 2025

REALM CONNECT: SERVING PROFILE

How will you “Give 2” and spend your second hour on Sunday mornings this fall? Indicate your interests and skills in our Realm Connect app. Once logged in, tap on More (...), then Serving. Access your Serving Profile to browse Skills and Interests that apply to you. Additionally, browse Serving Opportunities by role or team to indicate your interest to volunteer leaders.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES, we'll hear from our High School Mexico Team about their recent trip to Acapulco. Join us in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN AUGUST

AUGUST 3:

- New worship schedule begins with services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
- Parents and rising PreK students meet in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. to learn about entering the worship service.*
- Parents of rising sixth and ninth graders meet in Room 313 at 10:00 a.m. to learn about the youth ministry.*

AUGUST 10:

Join us for an Open House at 10:00 a.m.* Visit elementary and adult classrooms to learn about Sunday School opportunities, and visit the chapel to learn about ways to serve. How will you "Give 2" on Sunday mornings?

AUGUST 17:

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. begins for all ages. Find a full list of classes at lmpc.org/groups, and use the filter to sort by age group. Adults will choose from among five brand new themed electives. Learn more at the Open House on August 10.

** If you attend the 11:00 a.m. service, don't miss this. Come early!*

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

WOMEN, GET CONNECTED at a Fall Kickoff, Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company. There will be dinner, a time of worship, and information about the ministry year. Register on Realm Connect by August 15 for \$15. Gluten-free/dairy-free options available.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next membership class will be held August 22-24. Please register on Realm Connect by August 15.

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