



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Blessed be your name, Lord God, who has set before me life and death, and has invited me to choose life. Now, Lord God, I choose life, with all my heart. I choose you, my God, for you are my life. Lord, make me completely holy, that all my spirit, soul, and body may be a temple for you. Live in me, and be my God and I will be your servant.*  
—from Thomas Ken

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Amazing Grace!”

arr. Maureen Howell

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* Call to worship

from Psalm 97

**Leader:** The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All:** For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

### \* 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 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**

Psalm 89:11

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

**Offertory**

**"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"**

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever,  
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.  
*text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585*

**\* 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**

**\* Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

Julie Dean

<sup>1</sup>Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup>For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

“Christian Living: Part 1”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The Christian's aim: to please God (vv. 1-2)
2. A crucial arena for pleasing God: sexuality (vv. 3-8)

**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:**

**Brett Hyberger** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Elizabeth Henry Caldwell**

June 2, 1940 – September 7, 2025

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** is a new music worship group for high school age to adult. This ensemble will play at regular and special services. Reading music is not a requirement, but it will help. Rehearsals will take place on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, beginning today.

**RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE** with the Marriage Course. This seven-week video series begins Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Today is the last day to register on Realm Connect.

**MOMS OF ALL STAGES** are invited to join us for “Moms’ Coffee” on Friday, September 19 in the chapel. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on busyness, stillness, and being present in the everyday. Nursery is available for infants-PreK.

**ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE?** Join the Care for the Caregiver support group for encouragement and information. Meetings begin Tuesday, September 23 and continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter on Realm for more information.

**MEN’S STEAK NIGHT** is on Thursday, September 25. Please register on Realm Connect by September 18.

**COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will resume on Sunday, September 28 and run through November 30, as electives conclude. If you were not previously connected with a community SS class, we encourage you to try one of these classes offered: Fellowship (Room 213), Kingdom (Chapel), Redeemer (Room 211), Sojourners (Room 313). Details on topics to come.

**WOMEN’S FALL SUPPERS** will be hosted in individual homes on Tuesday, September 30. Make plans to join us, and invite your friends and neighbors. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you’re interested in hosting, email Caroline Scruggs at [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL SUNDAYS**, there will be filming in the worship services, classes, and in gathering spaces for the purpose of capturing footage for future LMPC videos.

**HELP US ENGAGE PEOPLE GRACIOUSLY:** We need more friendly faces to serve on our hospitality team. Can you help? Email Julie Dean at [julie@lmpc.org](mailto:julie@lmpc.org).

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