



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Grant me, even me, my dearest Lord, to know thee and love thee and rejoice in thee.
Let the knowledge of thee increase in me here, that it may be full hereafter. Let the love of
thee grow every day more and more here, that it may be perfect hereafter; that my joy may
be great in itself and full in thee. I know, O God, that thou art a God of truth.
O make good thy gracious promises to me, that my joy may be full. Amen.*

—St. Augustine

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“I Beseech You, Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

All: **Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.**

Leader: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping, and though he has led us through many trials, he has brought us to a place of abundance.

All: **Come and listen, all you who fear God, and hear what he has done for us. We cried out to him and he has surely listened. Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayers or withheld his love from us!**

* **Hymn of praise 55**

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*
text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; music by William H. Doane, 1875, TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*** 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.**

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

Offertory

"God of the Sparrow"

Chancel Choir

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliv'rance, songs of peace.
Helpless, we seek you, God our joy; quiet our troubles, bid them cease;
quiet our troubles, bid them cease. Alleluia.

God of the sparrow, God of hope, tenderly guide us, be our song.
God of affliction, pain, and hurt, comfort your children, make us strong;
comfort your children, make us strong. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God of the sparrow, care for us; speak in our sorrow, Lord of grief.
Sing us your music, lift our hearts, pour out your mercy, send relief.

God, like the sparrow, we abide in your protection, love, and grace.
Just as the sparrow in your care, may your love keep us all our days;
may your love keep us all our days. Amen.

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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**

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Feeding of the 5000"
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The need — too big (vv. 1-6)
2. The resources — too little (vv. 7-9)
3. The provision — too much (vv. 10-13)
4. The perception — too shallow (vv. 14-15)

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.

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Hannah Perry – flute

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of William Owen Morton, born to Hendley and Hugh Morton on April 22.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONCLUSION OF OUR REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY Conference will be an overview and Q&A in the fellowship hall today at 10:00 a.m. with Robert Cunningham.

SCRIPTURE & SONG, featuring our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Girls' Ensemble, and Handbell Ensemble, will be held today at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. *Bring your kids! We'll have a special bulletin just for them to follow along and engage with the music and stories, and nursery will also be available.*

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING CLOSING PICNIC will be held on May 6, 5:45 p.m. at The Commons. Bring the whole family; regular dinner prices apply.

THE FULL SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES for the class of 2029 was elected by the congregation on April 26. They will be installed as officers in the morning services on Sunday, May 17.

THE LAST MEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION of the semester will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. Discussion will continue on Brian Stanley's *The Bible and the Flag*.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THE SUMMER: The last day of Sunday School is May 17, so we will move to the non-Sunday School schedule beginning May 24. Moving forward, when we have Sunday School, our worship services will be held at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. When we do not, worship services will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING? High schoolers and adults are invited to join in on the Women's and Men's Ensembles this summer. Men will practice and sing in June, and women in July. See full schedules and register on Realm Connect.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN on Realm Connect. Rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders, join us July 21-23 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for dinner, worship, and activity rotations. Volunteer registration is also open; please sign up if you can help.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.