



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Let faith our feeble senses aid, to see thy wond'rous love display'd,
thy broken flesh, thy bleeding veins, thy dreadful agonizing pains.
Let humble penitential woe, with painful, pleasing anguish flow,
and thy forgiving smiles impart life, hope, and joy, to ev'ry heart.*

—Anne Steele

MAY 24, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
arr. Don Whitman
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #252)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

from Job 38

Leader: Who laid the earth’s foundation and marked off its dimensions?
Who stretched a measuring line across it—while the morning stars
sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

All: The Lord God Almighty!

Leader: Who has given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place?
Who has journeyed to the springs of the sea and walked in the
recesses of the deep? Who has been shown the gates of death?
And who knows the way to the abode of light?

All: The Lord God Almighty!

Leader: Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the
thunderstorm? Who waters a land where no man lives, to satisfy a
desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

All: The Lord God Almighty! Praise his name forever.

* Hymn of praise 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!

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

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Psalm 32:1–6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in
whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through
my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said,
“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt
of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be
found.

Hymn of confession 308, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868, ALL TO CHRIST

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray together:

All: You, who came down from heaven to redeem us from all iniquity, forgive us for the ways we have consciously and unconsciously rejected your rule in our lives. We beseech you to write your Word on our hearts that we may know you, and the power of your resurrection, and to express it by turning from our sins. Rule in our hearts by faith, that being dead to sin and alive to righteousness, we may bear the fruit of holiness and grow in grace and in knowledge of you.

adapted from a prayer by Henry Hammond

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

* Hymn of assurance 44, vv. 1, 3, 4

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*

text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; Swedish folk melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949, © STORE GUD

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

Instrumental meditation

arr. Duane Funderburk

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #693)

*** 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 John 6:41-59**

Michele Davis

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this

bread will live forever.”⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Bread of Heaven, Part 2”

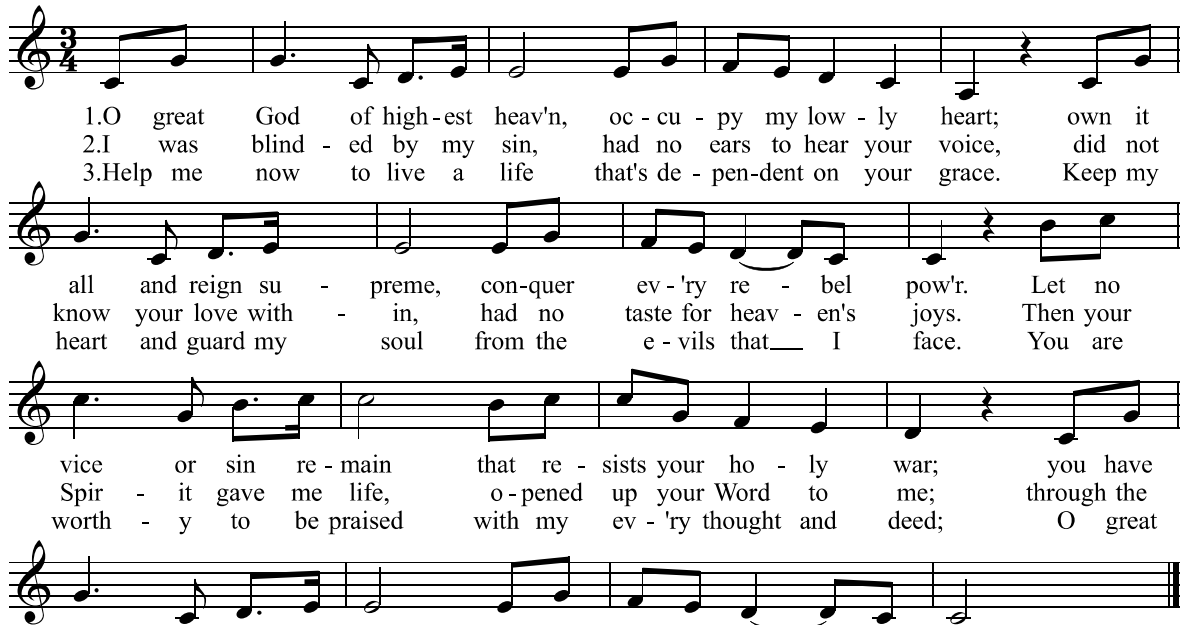
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

1. Stumbling over Jesus’ origin (vv. 41-51)
2. Stumbling over Jesus’ offering (vv. 52-59)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“O Great God”



1. O great God of high-est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart; own it
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace. Keep my

all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then your
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war; you have
Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me; through the
worth - y to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed; O great

loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er - more.
Gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me!

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* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
arr. Richard Elliott

Musicians for this week:

Rebecca James – violin

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Diane Bunting Blair Morris, mother of Beth Self and grandmother of McKinley Berthon, Anna-Blair Self, and Wright Self.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING TODAY AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, worship services will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (during the Sunday School break). Elder prayer will be available in Room 212 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

PASTOR WIL NETTLETON is taking a much-deserved sabbatical from June 1 until August 31. Please pray for his rest. If you see him in the community, feel free to greet him. However, please protect him from the work and business of the church for this season. If you need assistance, contact Wil’s assistant, Jennifer Thompson (jenniferthompson@lmpc.org or 423-424-4099), who will direct you to someone to help with your specific need.

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

VIPS, COME TO AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. We’ll get to know our pastors’ wives through a Q&A panel. Please register on Realm Connect or by calling the church office by May 29. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

OUR FIRST WOMEN’S SUMMER SUPPER will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 11 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you’re able to host, email Caroline: caroline@lmpc.org. Look for another summer supper coming on July 14.

WE HAVE TWO BOOK CLUB DATES for women this summer: June 23 and July 30. Choose a book to read and sign up for the corresponding meeting at a local restaurant for dinner. Find more information and register on Realm Connect to make your selection. Books for June: *Capable*, *The Art of Disagreeing*, *From the Valley We Rise*, & *Being Elisabeth Elliot*.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION WILL OPEN on May 26 on Realm Connect, to help you plan early! Due to feedback received last year, we will implement a two-payment plan, giving you the option to pay half now and the remaining half the week before camp (capping at \$400/family). This year's Family Camp is the weekend of September 11-13. Questions? Contact Josh Brower: josh@lmpc.org. More information can be found at lmpc.org/family-camp.

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