



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Gracious God, lover of the world, you are the one willing to suffer so that we might be healed, willing to stoop to us in our misery, so that we might stand tall as loved sons and daughters. You have served us even when we were unwilling to serve you, and longed for us even when we had ignored you. Surely you are a surprising God and a God of amazing grace.*

*We praise and thank you.*

—The Worship Sourcebook

MAY 31, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

*arr. Dale Wood*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #600)*

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* 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 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

### Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### Call to confession

from Romans 13 and Acts 3

Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

### Hymn of confession 501, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*text by Charlotte Elliott, 1836; music by William B. Bradbury, 1849, WOODWORTH*

### Silent prayers of confession

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

from 1 Peter 1

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**\* 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**

“Still, Still with Thee”

Soloist

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,  
when the bird wakens, and the shadows flee;  
fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,  
dawns the sweet consciousness, “I am with thee.”

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber,  
its closing eyes look up to thee in prayer;  
sweet the repose beneath thy wings o’ershading,  
but sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning,  
when the soul wakens, and life's shadows flee;  
O in that moment, fairer than daylight dawning,  
shall rise the glorious thought, “I am with thee.  
I am with thee; still, still with thee.”

*text by Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; music by John Ness Beck, 1986, trans. Craig Courtney ©1986,  
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**\* 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 6:60-71**

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<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." <sup>71</sup>He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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

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

**Sermon**

**"To Whom Shall We Go?"**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. The difficulty of Jesus' teaching (vv. 60-62, 66)
2. The necessity of divine intervention (vv. 63-65)
3. The essence of true faith (vv. 67-71)

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 94**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

*Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787; traditional American melody, FOUNDATION*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“CWM Rhondda”

*arr. Paul Manz*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #598)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Amanda Hyberger** – soloist

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Isaac Lee Basey at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Lauren and Jeff Basey, and his grandparents, Terry and David Stitzlein and Melodie and Lee Basey.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ELECTIVES RELEASE ON THE PODCAST:** Beginning tomorrow, June 1, and continuing on Mondays throughout the summer, full class recordings of the fall 2025 and spring 2026 adult electives will be released on the Pillar & Ground podcast. Catch up on the classes you missed.

**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](mailto:jenniferthompson@lmpc.org) or 423-424-4099), who will direct you to someone to help with your specific need.

**SUMMER IN THE PSALMS:** Next Sunday, June 7, we will resume our sermon series in Psalms. Like last summer, we have a reading plan for you to use during the week in preparation for each Sunday. Pick up a paper copy in the sanctuary Narthex or fellowship hall lobby, or find it digitally at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org).

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND:** Meet up at The Commons every Wednesday in June from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., beginning this week. Fellowship with other women and bring your young kids!

**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. 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*.

**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.

**FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW** 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 per family). This year's Family Camp is the weekend of September 11-13. Questions? Contact Josh Brower: [josh@lmpc.org](mailto:josh@lmpc.org). More information can be found at [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp).

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