



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Grant me, O most loving Lord, to rest in you above all creatures, above all health and beauty, above all glory and honor, above all power and dignity, above all knowledge and subtlety, above all riches and art, above all fame and praise, above all sweetness and comfort, above all hope and promise, above all gifts and favors, above all things visible and invisible, and above all that you are not, O my God.*

*—from Thomas á Kempis*

JUNE 14, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

*arr. Marvin Gaspard*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #642)*

### Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

### Introit

“Praise Him, Alleluia!”

Men’s Ensemble

Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the Lord of heav’n and earth.  
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the one of matchless worth.  
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! He, the source of all creation  
and the author of salvation, he is God of ev’ry nation.

Through the ages still the same, Alleluia, praise his name!  
O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men.  
To him be praise all of our days. To him be praise through all our days.

Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the Lord with voice in song.  
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Thanks and praise to him belong.  
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia!

*text from Psalm 107:8, by Carlton C. Buck; music by Eugene Butler, 1984 © The Sacred Music Press*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 27 and Nehemiah 9

**Leader:** The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**All:** **One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

**Leader:** Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

**All:** **He made the heavens and all the starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.**

\* **Hymn of praise 164**, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks and, list’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

**Affirmation of faith**

based on Psalm 40

**Leader:** I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my  
feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**All:** **He put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.**

**Leader:** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to  
the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

**All:** **Many, O LORD our God, are the wonders you have done. The things  
you planned for us no one can recount to you; were we to speak and  
tell of them, they would be too many to declare.**

**Leader:** We proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; we do not seal our  
lips.

**All:** **We do not hide your righteousness in our hearts; we speak of your  
faithfulness and salvation. We do not conceal your love and your  
truth from the great assembly. May all who seek you rejoice and be  
glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, “The LORD  
be exalted!”**

## Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

## Hymn of confession 528, vv. 1, 2, 4

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll,  
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.  
*text by Ray Palmer, 1830; music by Lowell Mason, 1832, OLIVET*

## Silent prayers of confession

### \* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: **Be glad and rejoice! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

### \* Hymn of assurance

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”  
*(continue scrolling for words and music)*

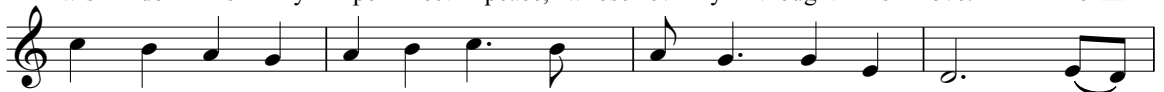
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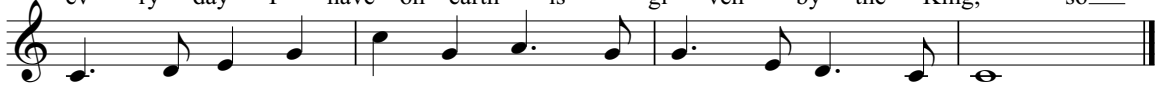
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain; who\_  
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be-side; who\_  
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a-bove, whose



plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain; who\_  
floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly; whose  
wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For\_



crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness, and clothed me in his light, and\_  
ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take, sus-  
ev-'ry day I have on earth is gi-ven by the King; so\_



wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u-pon my heart.  
tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.  
I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low him.

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**Prayer of intercession**

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

**Offertory** "And Can It Be?" **Men's Ensemble**

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
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?

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

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

*text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Dan Forrest, 2014 © 2015 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 16**

Dorcas Crenshaw

<sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

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

**Sermon**

"The Path of Life"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Only when the Lord is our refuge and portion can we:

1. release what we've been grasping. (vv. 1-4)

2. rest where we've been planted. (vv. 5-7)

3. rejoice in what is coming. (vv. 8-11)

### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **\* Hymn of response 26**

“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore.

*text by Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1965; music by Walter Greatorex, 1919; WOODLANDS*

#### **\* Benediction**

#### **\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

#### **\* Postlude**

Postlude from “Three Pieces for Organ”  
*Desmond Ratcliffe*

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#### **Musicians for this week:**

**Brett Hyberger** – ensemble director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Evie Jackson and Will McEwan on June 13 and in honor and memory of their grandparents.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**OUR ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES** will take place on Sunday, June 28. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dennis Louis, senior pastor of Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church. He will preach at all morning services as well as our Sunday Evening Gathering at 6:00 p.m.

**THE SECOND WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER** will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 14 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you're able to host, email Caroline: [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**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 will be closing on June 21, so please sign up if you can serve.

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