LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"O Lord, give us all grace by constant obedience to offer up our wills and hearts an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Amen."
—Christina Rossetti

JULY 12, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0–3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
arr. Maureen Howell

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Psalm 103:1

Welcome and greetings Keith Michaels, ruling elder

*** Call to worship** based on 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 119** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession from 1 Peter 1 and 2

You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession 486, vv. 1, 2, 5 "God, Be Merciful to Me"

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*** Hymn of assurance 498**, vv. 1, 3, 5 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory "Lord of the Small" Women's Ensemble

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid.
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live,
who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise;
he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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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**

*** Singing of Psalm 85** "You Were Pleased to Show Your Favor"

You were pleased to show your favor, LORD, to your beloved land.
You returned the wealth of Jacob, you restored his captive band.
You forgave your people's trespass; you were pleased their sins to hide.
You withdrew your great displeasure; from your wrath you turned aside.

God our Savior, now restore us; turn away from us your rage.
Will your anger burn against us? Will it last from age to age?
Will you not again revive us, that we may rejoice in you?
Show us, LORD, your cov'nant mercy; your salvation grant anew.

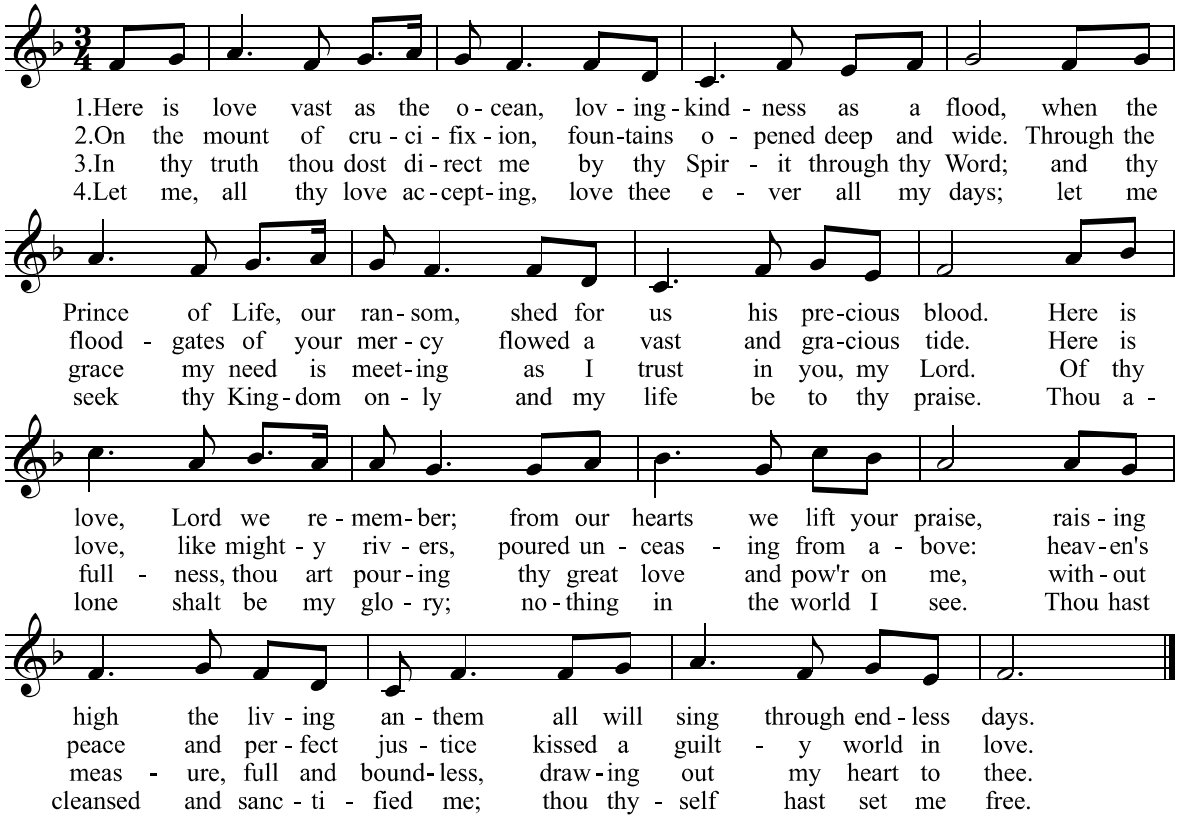
Let me hear what God the LORD says; to his saints he speaks of peace,
but his people must not wander and return to foolishness.
Surely unto those who fear him, his salvation is at hand,
so that once again his glory may be seen within our land.

Love and truth have met together; peace and righteousness embrace.
Righteousness looks down from heaven; from the earth springs faithfulness.
What is good the LORD will give us, and our land its fruit will bear.
Righteousness will go before him, for his steps the way prepare.
Psalm 85; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Rising From Discouragement"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Here Is Love"

text by William Rees, 1802–1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude** "Dwelling in the House of the Lord"
Eurydice Osterman

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – ensemble director **Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

Celebrating the baptism of Lucy Madeleine Hauck at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Katie and Matt Hauck, and her grandparents, Julie and Dan Fisher and Gwenn and Dave Hauck.

Celebrating the baptism of Caroline Stuart Brooks at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Meredith and Jay Brooks, and her grandparents, Caroline and Hugh Morrow and Abbie and Jay Brooks.

Psalm 85

[1]LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. [2]You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. [3]You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

[4]Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! [5]Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? [6]Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? [7]Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. [8]Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. [9]Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

[10]Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. [11]Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. [12]Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. [13]Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

SERMON NOTES

"Rising From Discouragement"

Renewal for the people of God comes as we:

1. **look back** with humble gratitude at God's past mercies. (vv. 1–3)

2. **look up** with desperate longing for God's gracious renewal. (vv. 4–9)

3. **look forward** with confident hope in God's sure promises. (vv. 10–13)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
10:30 a.m.	Elder Prayer (pray with an elder and his wife)	*Room 212*
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	*JHYB*

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER BOOK CLUBS for women continue on 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 selections: *Making Faith Magnetic*, *The Lord of Psalm 23*, *The Hiding Place*, and *Pride and Prejudice*.

VIPS, COME TO WILD & WACKY BINGO on Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and games in the fellowship hall. Expect fun prizes, including a bonus prize for the (optional) costume contest. Bring your friends! Register on Realm Connect for $10. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

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

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We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.