



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 28, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. 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.*

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- We are unable to offer a nursery at this time.
- Coloring sheets and crayons are available for children. Please take crayons home with you.
- Tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at the exits.
- At the end of the service, please wait for the ushers to indicate when and where you are to exit.

Order of Worship

Prelude

*"Amazing Grace"
arr. Jonathan L. Wrachford*

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Introit

"It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises"

Ensemble

It is good to sing thy praises and to thank thee, O Most High,
showing forth thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling of thy faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness thro' the works thy hands have wrought;
thou hast made my life victorious, great thy works and deep thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted, reignest evermore in might;
all thy enemies shall perish, sin be banished from thy sight.

But the good shall live before thee, planted in thy dwelling place,
fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by thy boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous, God his righteousness displays;
God my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all his ways;
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text from Psalm 92, The Psalter, 1912; music by Sacred Harp, 1844, arr. John Carter

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 66

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the works of your hands.

All: **How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! You, O LORD, are exalted forever. Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

* Hymn of praise

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise, the
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free; his

glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Glaser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on Matthew 22:35-40

One of the Pharisees, an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

Ensemble

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow’r controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through God’s love and pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev’rything,
that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea,
Christ exalting, self-abasing, for this is victory!

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow’r controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through God’s love and pow’r.
May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

text by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by Lloyd Larson

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1

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

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
(words and music on the following page)

Prayer of intercession for Church of the Firstborn

(prayer requests given by Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the Firstborn)

Leader: Gracious Father, we thank you for the partnership and friendship you are cultivating between Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and Church of the Firstborn. We praise you for their faithful ministry to us and to the city of Chattanooga. As co-laborers and co-heirs in the gospel, we bring before you their needs this morning.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

text by Charles Wesley, 1746; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

All: We ask that you would give them wisdom and strength as they seek to meet the needs of the elderly in their own community and surrounding neighborhoods. Bless their efforts and provide resources and people to carry out this vital ministry.

Leader: We pray for the MVP children's summer program and ask that you would grant energy and endurance to those leading the program, and allow this time to deepen relationships and increase faith among all who participate.

All: We ask, in the midst of unrest and grief, that you would protect the hearts of our brothers and sisters from fear and bitterness. May they look in faith to your Son and depend on your grace for all things.

continued

Leader: We ask that you would continue to grow and strengthen the ministry of Church of the Firstborn in every way. Protect each member from the evil one and give them a firm sense of your presence, love, and faithfulness by the power of your Spirit.

All: We ask, with the words of the apostle Paul, that our brothers and sisters would be filled with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. That they would be strengthened with all power according to your glorious might, so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, in whom we all share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. Amen.

taken from Colossians 1:9, 11-12

* **Scripture reading from Acts 14:8-20**

text printed in the bulletin

Hilda Jemison (9:00)

Julie Dean (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon "Presenting God's Kingdom to Those Unfamiliar with the Gospel"

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

(words and music on the following page)

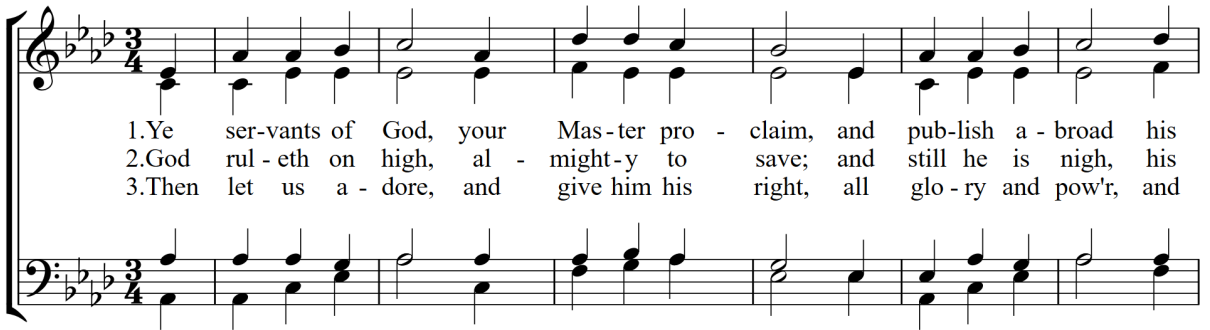
* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

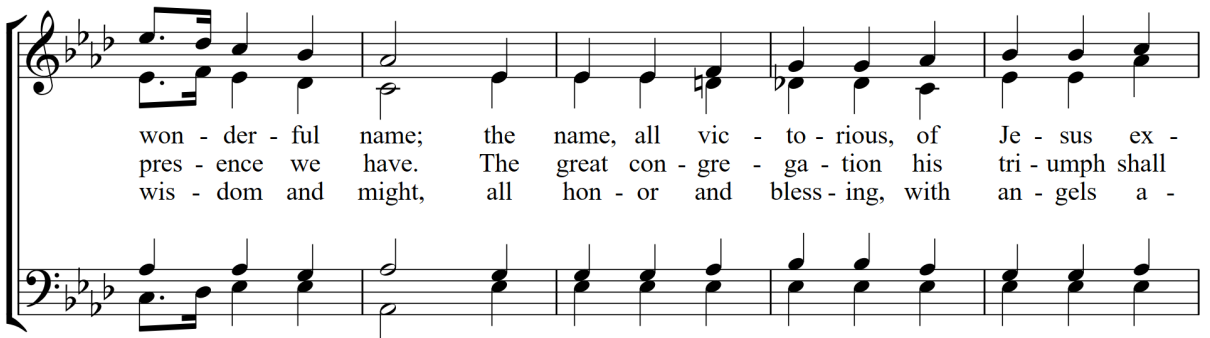
"Threefold Amen"

Congregational meeting

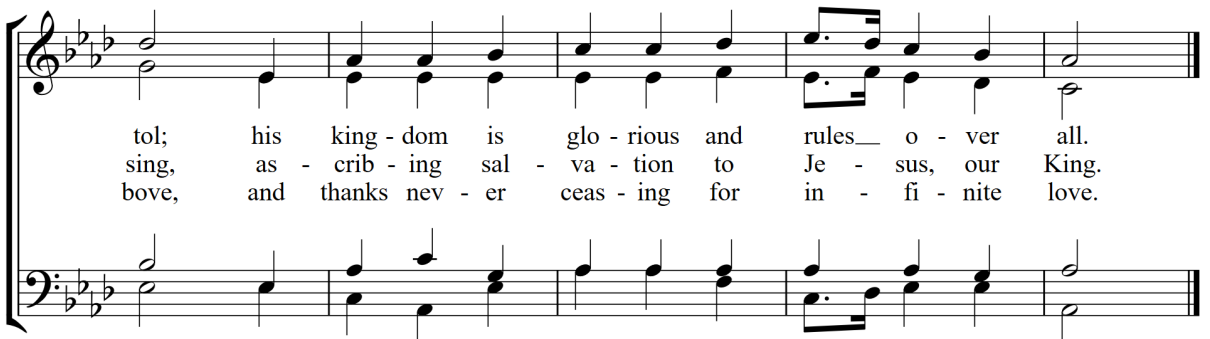
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”



1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro - claim, and pub-lish a - broad his
2. God rul - eth on high, al - might-y to save; and still he is nigh, his
3. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right, all glo - ry and pow'r, and



won - der - ful name; the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex -
pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall
wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a -



tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

text by Charles Wesley, 1744; music by Johann Michael Haydn, LYONS

* **Postlude**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA, arr. Douglas Smith

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

arr. Douglas Smith

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble

Randall Crenshaw – piano

Daniel Jeong – violin

Joy Gibbons – director

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXITING AFTER THE SERVICE: Please wait for the ushers to excuse you row by row after the service.

MASKS: While we know mask wearing is cumbersome, we appreciate your compliance with the requirement to wear one.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall today for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2023.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL will run through Sunday, August 9. The class is held from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each Sunday morning. In light of Covid-19 and the current state/local guidelines, this class is held via the online platform Zoom. If you would like to virtually attend Summer Sunday School, you can find the registration link on the LMPC website's Adult Sunday School page. Once you are registered, a Zoom invitation with instructions will be sent prior to each Sunday's class so that you can log on and participate in the class.

WNOO RADIO SHOW: Brian Salter will be on WNOO Radio (107.3 FM/1260 AM or www.wnooradio.com) with Pastor Alfred Johnson from Church of the First Born on Thursday, July 2, and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Listen in for inspiration and prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE HOUR will continue to broadcast on Facebook Live until further notice. Archives of past sessions are available on the LMPC Facebook page by selecting "Videos" from the menu. You can also find the current week's session on the LMPC website's homepage by clicking on the Prayer & Bible graphic.

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

Acts 14:8-20

⁸In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

SERMON NOTES

“Presenting God’s Kingdom to Those Unfamiliar with the Gospel”

Acts 14:8-20

Presenting God’s Kingdom to those unfamiliar with the Gospel requires:

1. expecting the Gospel may be misunderstood. (vv. 8-13, 18)
2. finding a starting point with the listener without changing the message. (vv. 14-17)
3. facing serious opposition with courageous endurance. (vv. 19-20)

BIG IDEA: Presenting God’s Kingdom when we are misunderstood requires finding a starting point and a willingness to face serious opposition with courageous endurance.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
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11:00 a.m.	Adult Summer Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>

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- Check your progress on giving and pledging

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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 the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.