



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack to share important information with us. 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Kenneth Kosche

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Introit

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Men's Ensemble

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by C.F. Gounod

*** Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you
have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

*** Hymn of praise**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
(words and music on the following page)

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

Isaiah 64:6 and Proverbs 28:13

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“Abide with Me”

Men’s Ensemble

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

text by Henry Francis Lyte; music by W.H. Monk, arr. Curtis Hanson, 2004

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, — my heart a - wak - ing cries: May
2. When sleep her balm de - nies, — my si - lent spir - it sighs: May
3. Be this, while life is mine, — my can - ti - cle di - vine: May

Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer to
Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest, with
Je - sus Christ be praised. Be this th'e - ter - nal song, through

Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
all the a - ges on: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

"My Hope Is in the Lord"
(words and music on the following page)

Prayer of intercession for East Lake Expression Engine

(based on requests given by East Lake Expression Engine)

Leader: Lord, King of all creation, we pray this morning that you would protect and encourage all who participate in the ministry of East Lake Expression Engine. For staff members, volunteers, children, parents, and everyone involved, be their help and comfort in these trying times as they seek to build up a strong community in the East Lake area.

All: O Lord, we ask that you would give Expression Engine wisdom and courage as they seek to meet the needs of the East Lake community. Bring health, safety, and opportunities to build gospel-centered relationships with children and their families.

Leader: Bless Expression Engine's music writing and recording efforts this summer as they work to create a song book of original music from past summer programs. Give them perseverance, creativity, and dependence on you during this process, and allow the finished product to deepen relationships and bring more people to know and love you.

All: Loving Father, we ask that Expression Engine would be a community of believers characterized by kindness and love, always pointing the people they serve to Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. May you equip them with everything good for doing your will, that you may accomplish in them what is pleasing to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

taken from Hebrews 13:21

Officer ordination and installation

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him-self for me, and paid the price of
2. No mer - it of my own his an - ger to sup - press, my on - ly hope is
3. And now for me he stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne. He shows his wound - ed
4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to be - lieve, and rec - og - nize his

all my sin at Cal - va - ry. For me he died, for
found in Je - sus' righ - teous - ness. For me he died,
hands, and names me as his own.
work of love and Christ re - ceive.

me he lives, and ev - er - last - ing life and light he free - ly gives.
for me he lives,

* **Scripture reading from Acts 15:1-21**
text printed in the bulletin

Chad Middlebrooks (9:00)
Will Jackson (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 "The First Church Council"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Not What My Hands Have Done"
(words and music on the following page)

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Johann Walther

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ

Men's Ensemble

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul; not what my toil - ing
2. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak; thy pow'r a - lone, O
3. I praise the God of grace; I trust his tuth and might; he calls me his, I

flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or do can
Son of God, can this sore bond - age break. No oth - er work, save thine, no
call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and

give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
oth - er blood will do; no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by George William Martin, 1862, arr. Arthur Sullican, 1874, LEOMINSTER

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today. In light of the new Hamilton County mandate, we are also now asking that everyone entering the church buildings during the week wear a mask.

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY: Not only is our church library open on weekdays and Sunday mornings, but you can now search the library catalog from home! Access the new catalog on either the church website (see Alice Joiner Memorial Library under Resources on the home page) or the Librista app. Please follow the safety guidelines posted on the library door. Come see what's new and return overdue books. Contact wiki@lmpc.org with questions.

SPECIAL GUESTS ON THURSDAY PRAYER & BIBLE, hosted on Facebook Live each week at 10:30 a.m. Brian is having conversations with three special guests with the purpose of helping us to grow in our awareness of needs in the city and racial reconciliation. On July 9, he was joined by Dwayne Stephens, Director of The House of Refuge. On July 16, Brian will converse with Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the First Born, and on July 23 he will be visiting with Paul Green, executive director of Hope for the Inner City. Listen live on the LMPC Facebook page or listen to archived recordings by selecting "Videos" from the Facebook page menu or clicking the Prayer & Bible graphic on the LMPC website's homepage.

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 16, and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Listen in for inspiration and prayer.

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

Acts 15:1-21

¹Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. ³The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. ⁵Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.”

⁶The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? ¹¹No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.” ¹²The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. ¹³When they finished, James spoke up: “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. ¹⁵The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: ¹⁶‘After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, ¹⁷that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’ ¹⁸that have been known for ages.

¹⁹“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. ²⁰Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. ²¹For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Annual Budget: \$5.07 million

2020 Giving YTD: \$2.37 million

Remaining gifts needed: \$2.7 million (53.3% of budget)

We're grateful for God's provision through the generous giving at LMPC this year. Please continue to give toward the 2020 budget as you are able. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 12

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

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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 and second Sundays of every month, one Sunday in the sanctuary and one Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please see the church website for more details.

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.