

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

"What Wondrous Love" arr. Sharon Wilson

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit "Psalm 5" Ensemble

O Jehovah, hear my words; to my thoughts attentive be. Hear my cry, my King, my God, for I make my prayer to thee. With the morning light, O LORD, thou shalt hear my voice and cry; in the morn my prayer arrange and keep constant watch will I.

Truly thou art not a God that in sin doth take delight; evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud stand in thy sight. Evildoers thou dost hate; liars thou wilt bring to naught. God abhors the man who loves deed of blood or lying thought.

But in thine abundant grace to thy house will I repair; looking to thy holy place, in thy fear I'll worship there. Since, O LORD, mine enemies for my soul do lie in wait, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way before me straight.

But let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be; let them joy who love thy name, for they guarded are by thee. And a blessing rich, O LORD, to the righteous thou wilt yield; thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield. based on Book of Psalms, 1871 and The Psalter, 1912; music by Joseph Parry, 1879, ABERYSWYTH

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 5

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love

for us!

All: By your great mercy, we enter your house; in reverence we worship

you.

Leader: Come, let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

All: Spread your protection over us, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

* Hymn of praise

"We Come, O Christ, to You" (words and music on the following page)

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

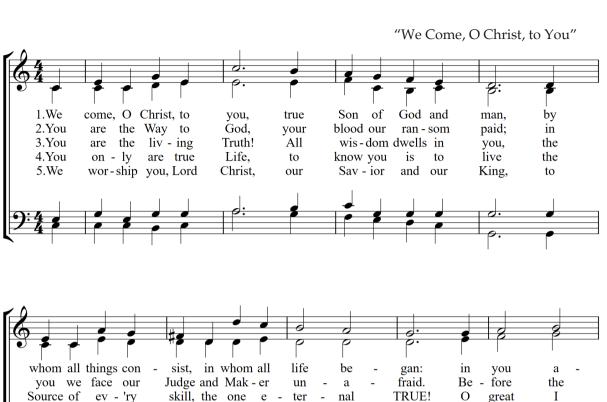
taken from John 1 and Colossians 1

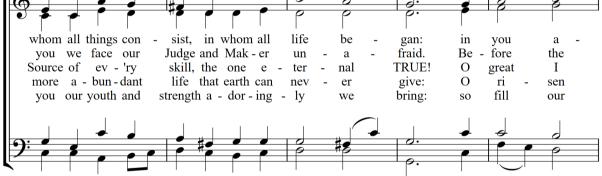
Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

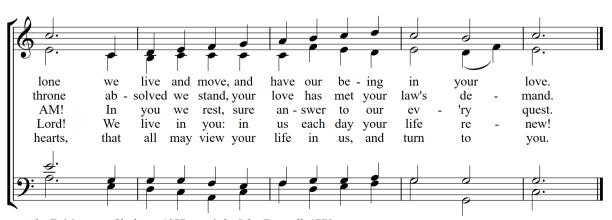
All: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Leader: The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

All: By him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.







text by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

"Think on These Things"

Ensemble

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute. If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on these things, think on these things.

And the God of peace, and the God of peace, and the God of peace shall be with you, shall be with you. Think on these things, think on these things. Amen. based on Philippians 4:8-9; music by Craig Courtney

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* Hymn of assurance

"Blessed Assurance" (words and music on the following page)

* Scripture reading from Acts 15:22-35 text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:00) Larry Goodman (11:00)

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



text by Fanny Crosby, 1873; music by Phoebe Knapp, 1873, ASSURANCE

* 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 Joy of Living under God's Authority" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer



text by Frederick William Faber, 1862; music by John Stainer, 1887, wycliffe

- * Benediction
- * Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Richard Donn, ASH GROVE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano Ensemble Joy Gibbons – director Eun-mee Jeong – violin

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS to excuse you row by row after the service.

WE APPRECIATE everyone's willingness to wear a mask to protect one another. We do ask that everyone wear a mask for the entire service, covering both mouth and nose. Also, in light of the Hamilton County mandate, we are now asking everyone entering the church buildings during the week to wear a mask.

MAKING SERVICE REGISTRATION MORE SIMPLE: Logging into your Realm account makes service registration much easier! Many in the congregation are registering every member of their household (often including themselves) as "guests," which requires typing in the name of each person. Once you are logged into your Realm account, however, your Realm registration will automatically show every member of your household (spouse and children 18 and under), and you need only click the boxes next to the names of household members who will also be attending. Call the church office at 423-821-4528 if you need assistance with Realm.

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 Dewayne Stephens, director of The House of Refuge, and on July 16, he met with Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the First Born. 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.

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

MTW HAS PUBLISHED A BROCHURE featuring stories of African American missionaries. Limited copies of this brochure, titled "The Story of Missions," are available in the library.

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

Acts 15:22-35

²²Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, two men who were leaders among the brothers. ²³With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. ²⁴We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— ²⁶men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

²⁹You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

³⁰The men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. ³¹The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. ³²Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers. ³³After spending some time there, they were sent off by the brothers with the blessing of peace to return to those who had sent them. ³⁵But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

"The Joy of Living under God's Authority" Acts 15:22-35

The joy of living under God's authority as stewarded through his church is that we are faithfully guided towards:

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1.	Gospel clarity when confused. (vv. 22-28)
2.	selfless love for one another. (v. 29)
3.	joyful encouragement in the Word. (vv. 30-35)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 19

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

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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.