



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
arr. Bill Holcombe, ST. ELIZABETH

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 19 and Psalm 47

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

* Hymn of praise

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou fount of ev'ry bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of
 2. Here I raise my E-be-ne-zer; hi-ther by thy help I'm come; and I
 3. O to grace how great a deb-tor dai-ly I'm con-strained to be; let that

mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing, call for songs of lou-dest praise. Teach me
 hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home. Je-sus
 grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee. Prone to_

some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by_ fla-ming tongues a-bove; praise the
 sought me when a stran-ger, wand'-ring from the fold of God: he, to
 wan-der, Lord, I feel_ it; prone to_ leave the God I love: here's my

moun-t! I'm fixed up-on it, moun-t of God's un-chang-ing love.
 re-scue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

* **Prayer of adoration**

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, as 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.

Silent prayers of confession

Instrumental meditation “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calvary’s mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
text by Fanny Crosby, 1869; music by William Doane, 1869

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: **Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For 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”
(words and music on the following page)

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

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.

text and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2003 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.# 152036

Prayer of intercession for Hope for the Inner City

(requests given by Hope for the Inner City, LMPC Home Missions strategic partner)

Leader: Lord God, our Rock and our Redeemer, your Word promises that "those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary." We hope in you this morning and bring before you the needs of Hope for the Inner City. Give them faith in your eternal promises and renew their strength to do the work you've called them to.

All: We give you thanks for the countless ways that Paul Green has served this ministry selflessly and enduringly for 20 years. We pray for the transition of leadership as he steps down as Executive Director. Be near to all staff and board members during this transition, and give them wisdom, humility, and guidance.

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Leader: We pray for AJ, Hope for the Inner City's facilities manager, that you would provide safety and peace for his son who is returning to college this month. Grant his son health and dependence on you as he moves forward into uncertain circumstances.

All: We pray for neighbors of Hope for the Inner City who are seeking employment. Pour out your mercy and abundance on them, and bring work opportunities to their attention.

Leader: We pray for young people in the community who have recently been victims of gun violence. Heal their physical wounds and bring people into their lives who will love them as you love them. May your Spirit permeate the communities of East Chattanooga through the work of Hope for the Inner City.

All: We pray for discernment and perseverance for the board and staff members faithfully serving the city during this pandemic. May the God of hope fill them with all joy and peace as they trust in him, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

taken from Isaiah 40:31 and Romans 15:13

* **Scripture reading from Acts 17:1-15**
text printed in the bulletin

Denny Wise (9:00)
Diane Marble (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 World Turned Right Side Up"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
2. Be thou my_ wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
3. High King of_ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,
save that thou art, thou my_ best_ thought by day or by
thou with me, Lord; thou my_ great_ Fa - ther, I thy true
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of_ my_ own heart, what - ev - er be -
night, _____ wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy_ pres - ence my light.
son; _____ thou in me dwell - ing, and_ I with thee one.
fall, _____ still be my vi - sion, O_ Rul - er of all.

ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.; traditional Irish melody, SLANE

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Civilla D. Martin; SPARROW

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano
Ensemble

Stephanie Wharton – flute

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. This week would have been her 50th birthday. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

Acts 17:1-15

¹When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ²As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. ⁴Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

⁵But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁷and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

⁸When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁹Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. ¹⁰As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

¹¹Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹²Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. ¹³When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. ¹⁴The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. ¹⁵The men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

SERMON NOTES

“The World Turned Right Side Up”

Acts 17:1-15

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.

AS WE REACH CAPACITY IN SOME OF OUR SERVICES, it is especially important that everyone who is planning to attend on Sunday morning **register for a service**. If you have trouble with service registration, please call the church office at 423-821-4528. You will know that you have successfully completed the registration process when you receive a confirmation email. Please understand that those who choose to attend a service without registering may need to sit in overflow seating in the chapel.

CANCELING YOUR REGISTRATION: If you are able, please cancel your registration if you are no longer planning to attend a service. Complete instructions on how to cancel may be found on the registration page on the church website.

AS WE APPROACH MID-AUGUST, we know that many of you are wondering what will be happening this fall at LMPC. We wanted to let you know that all regular adult, youth, and children's activities, including Sunday School, are canceled for August. We anticipate these activities resuming in some form in September and will update you with more details later in August when plans are finalized.

FAMILY CAMP FOR 2020 has been canceled. While we do not make this decision lightly, we believe it is the wisest one to make given the current circumstances.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 16

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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.