

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”  
*arr. Hal Hopson*

## Welcome and announcements

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

## Introit

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

College Ensemble

My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
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*based on Psalm 98, text and music by Robert Lowry, arr. Timothy Shaw, 2013*

## \* Call to worship

Psalm 119:89-90 and Psalm 117

Leader: Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

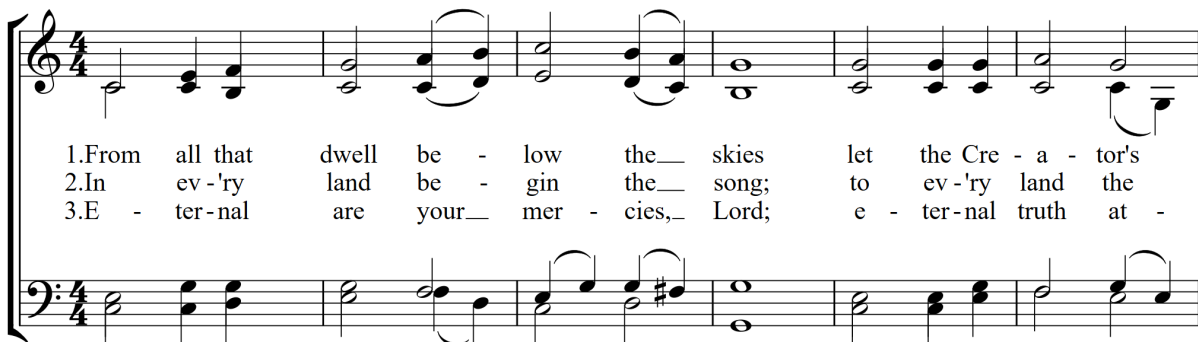
All: Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

\* Hymn of praise

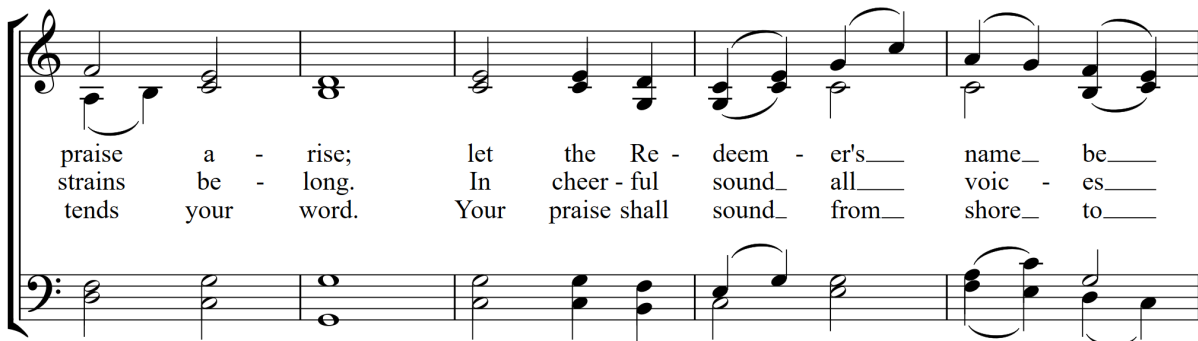
“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

Choir: From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;  
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

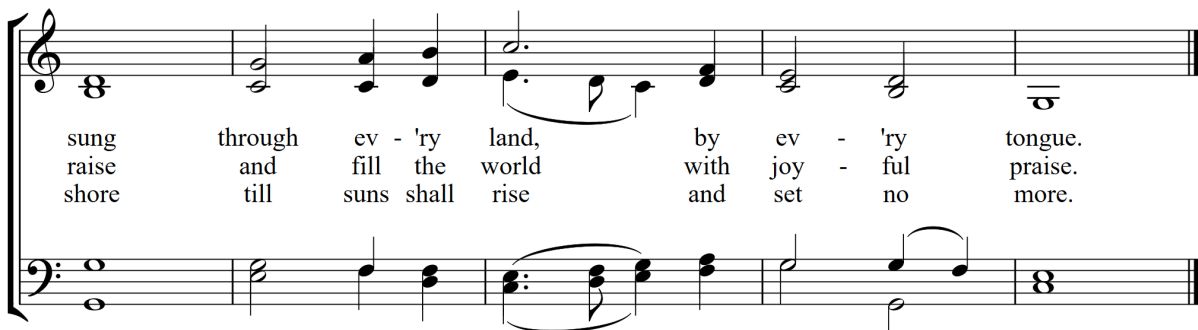
All:



1. From all that dwell be - low the\_ skies let the Cre - a - tor's  
2. In ev - 'ry land be - gin the\_ song; to ev - 'ry land the  
3. E - ter - nal are your\_ mer - cies, - Lord; e - ter - nal truth at -



praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's\_ name\_ be\_  
strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound\_ all\_ voic - es\_  
tends your word. Your praise shall sound\_ from\_ shore\_ to\_



sung through ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue.  
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Membership vows**

**Call to confession**

Proverbs 28:13 and Hebrews 4:16

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

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Hymn of confession**

“Psalm 5”

*(continue scrolling for words and music)*

"Psalm 5"

1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words; to my thoughts at - ten - tive be.  
 2. Tru - ly thou art not a God that in sin doth take de - light;  
 3. But in thine a - bun - dant grace to thy house will I re - pair;  
 4. But let all that trust thy care e - ver glad and joy - ful be;

Hear my cry, my King, my God, for I make my prayer to thee. With the morn - ing  
 e - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud stand in thy sight. E - vil - do - ers  
 look - ing to thy ho - ly place, in thy fear I'll wor - ship there. Since, O Lord, mine  
 let them joy who love thy name, for they guard - ed are by thee. And a bles - sing

light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice and cry; in the morn my  
 thou dost hate; li - ars thou wilt bring to naught. God ab - hors the  
 en - e - mies for my soul do lie in wait, lead me in thy  
 rich, O Lord, to the right - eous thou wilt yield; thou wilt com - pass

prayer ar - range and keep con - stant watch will I.  
 man who loves deed of blood or ly - ing thought.  
 right - eous - ness; make thy way be - fore me straight.  
 him a - bout with thy fa - vor as a shield.

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Acts 2 and Romans 4, 5

Leader: God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

All: **Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

### \* Hymn of assurance

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*  
*(continue scrolling for words and music)*

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; I  
2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace; in  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when  
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed

dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name. On  
ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. On  
all a-round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863, SOLID ROCK

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a famine in the land—besides the earlier famine of Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines in Gerar. <sup>2</sup>The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. <sup>3</sup>Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. <sup>4</sup>I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws.” <sup>6</sup>So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

<sup>7</sup>When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” because he was afraid to say, “She is my wife.” He thought, “The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful.”

<sup>8</sup>When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. <sup>9</sup>So Abimelech summoned Isaac and said, “She is really your wife! Why did you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac answered him, “Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her.” <sup>10</sup>Then Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” <sup>11</sup>So Abimelech gave orders to all the people: “Anyone who molests this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

<sup>12</sup>Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. <sup>13</sup>The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup>He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>So all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. <sup>16</sup>Then Abimelech said to Isaac, “Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.” <sup>17</sup>So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. <sup>18</sup>Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

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**

*"God's Faithful Promise and Grace"*  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

In unsettling times, God displays his faithfulness:

1. by proclaiming his unchanging promise. (vv. 1-6)
2. by protecting unbelieving and failing humans. (vv. 7-11)
3. by providing undeserved blessings. (vv. 12-18)

**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

"How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your  
3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to  
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and  
fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Je-sus have fled?  
cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-ni-p-o-tent hand.  
on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine."

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
*arr. Eleanor Whitsett*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**College Ensemble**

*(Students of Covenant College)*

**Joy Gibbons** – director, piano

**Daniel Jeong** – violin

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**COMMUNICANTS**

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 14, 2021. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Hannah Barger

Jackson Barger

Harrison Barnes

Nora Barrington

Hunt Bennett

Graham Gervin

Daniel Horne

Camp Lehn

Thatcher Lehn

Parker Mixon

Amos Oster

Caleb Oster

Joseph Risley

Haddon Salter

Charlie Silberman

Liam Spykerman

Phoebe Stevens

Win Stribling

Lil Tolson

Parker Tolson

Noel Warren

Wilder Wingfield

Isaiah Wykoff

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 14, 2021. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Lauren and Jeffrey Basey

Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt

Margaret Bryan

Kayley Forshey

Caughran Fowler

Will Givens

Erin and Griffin Hatcliff

Leia and John Horton

Lauren McNeese

Caroline Scruggs

Cornele and Tom Thomas

Sam and Woody Viveros

Jeffrey Webb

Rhys Woodard

Jill and Nathan Wooten

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR "SACRIFICE OF PRAISE,"** a concert of Scripture and song which will take place tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Masks are optional, and registration is not required. We will have social distancing in the chapel for those would who would prefer it. The concert will begin with a prelude at 5:45 p.m., and nursery will be provided (pre-registration via Realm is required). A livestream will be available at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org).

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** this Wednesday, May 5. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. under the porte-cochere. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you have problems registering, please contact the church office.

**OUR LONG OVERDUE MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** will take place on Thursday, May 13. After a long and challenging year, we need this opportunity to be with other guys to enjoy fellowship and eat meat. We will gather in groups of 10 and you are welcome to invite your friends. Please send an email by this Wednesday, May 5 to [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org) to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to be a host, please email us at [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org).

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