



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

“Adagio Cantabile”  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

## Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

## Introit

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Chancel Choir

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heav’n. Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Robert Williams, 1817, LLANFAIR*

## \* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his  
glory.

All: For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are  
exalted far above all gods. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy  
on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,  
and praise his holy name.

\* Hymn of praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall, hail  
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to  
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of \_\_\_ all; bring  
 him who saves you by \_\_\_ his \_\_\_ grace, and crown him Lord of \_\_\_ all; hail  
 him all maj - es - ty \_\_\_ as - cribe, and crown him Lord of \_\_\_ all! To  
 join the ev - er - last - ing \_\_\_ song, and crown him Lord of \_\_\_ all! We'll

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord \_\_\_ of all.  
 him who saves you by \_\_\_ his \_\_\_ grace, and crown him Lord \_\_\_ of all.  
 him all maj - es - ty \_\_\_ as - cribe, and crown him Lord \_\_\_ of all. *Interlude*  
 join the ev - er - last - ing \_\_\_ song, and crown him Lord \_\_\_ of all! Amen.

text by Edward Perronet (1779) and John Rippon (1787); music by Oliver Holden, 1793, CORONATION, arr. Hal H. Hopson, 1981

\* Prayer of adoration

## Officer ordination and installation

### Call to confession

based on Colossians 3 and Psalm 139

**Leader:** Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

**All:** **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral prayer

“Search Me, O God”

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.  
*based on Psalm 139; music by K. Lee Scott, 1994*

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on John 3 and 1 Peter 3

**Leader:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**All:** **Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. He has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.**

\* Hymn of assurance

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
3. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

<sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered. <sup>2</sup>Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. <sup>4</sup>Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

<sup>5</sup>Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, <sup>6</sup>Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, <sup>7</sup>'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.'<sup>8</sup>Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: <sup>9</sup>Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. <sup>10</sup>Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies." <sup>11</sup>Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I'm a man with smooth skin. <sup>12</sup>What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing." <sup>13</sup>His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me." <sup>14</sup>So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. <sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. <sup>16</sup>She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. <sup>17</sup>Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. <sup>18</sup>He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" <sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing." <sup>20</sup>Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The LORD your God gave me success," he replied. <sup>21</sup>Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup>Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup>He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. <sup>24</sup>"Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied. <sup>25</sup>Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank.

<sup>26</sup>Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me." <sup>27</sup>So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. <sup>28</sup>May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. <sup>29</sup>May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

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**

*"Family Dysfunction, Faithful God"*  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. Isaac and Esau: neglecting God's promise for personal preference (vv. 1-4)
2. Rebekah and Jacob: manipulating to advance God's promise (vv. 5-25)
3. Our hope: resting in the blessing that can neither be stolen nor stopped by sin (vv. 26-29)

**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art; I am find - ing out the great - ness  
 2. O how great thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea! O how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness  
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art, and thy love, so pure, so change - less,

of thy lov - ing heart. Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul, -  
 lav - ished all on me! Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,  
 sat - is - fies my heart; sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need, -

for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing  
 know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.  
 com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.

in the joy of what thou art; I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

text by Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; music by James Mountain, 1876, TRANQUILLITY



\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”  
*arr. Albert Travis*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director  
**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Nate Oster** – timpani

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Amy Thomas and Lucas Mininger on May 15.

**OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION**

The LMPC officer class of 2024 will be installed during the morning worship services today. Any officer serving for the first time as either an elder or a deacon will also be ordained. The make-up date is June 6.

**ELDERS**

Glenn Breazeale  
Bill Davis  
Pete Frederick  
Allen Jackson  
Will Jackson  
Chip Kelley  
Don Kent  
Jason Lehn  
John Plating  
Miller Welborn

**DEACONS**

Robby Bosshardt  
Ryan Cleary  
Mallory Dean  
Alan Doak  
Johnny Garth  
Tom Ireland  
Lee Perry  
Tim Sorrell  
Ron Thomas  
Rob Witcher

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BEGINNING JUNE 2, WE WILL BE OFFERING A FIVE-WEEK** women's summer Bible study entitled: "Women & Jesus: Their Stories. His Story. Our Stories." The study will be held each Wednesday morning in June from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Each morning will include a time of fellowship, round table discussion, and teaching from Caroline Scruggs and Christy Gambrell. For more information and a schedule, visit [lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies](http://lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies).

**WOMEN OF LMPC: SAVE THE DATES** for our Women's Summer Suppers on June 3 and July 13. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship with other women from our church and community. Suppers will be hosted in individual homes, and you are welcome to invite your friends and neighbors. **Registration for the June 3 supper is now open via Realm.** If you would like to host a supper, please email [women@lmpc.org](mailto:women@lmpc.org).

**SUMMER VBS IS BACK!** We will be holding "VBS 2021: The Race is On" for all children who have completed kindergarten-5th grade, June 14-17, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Registration is now open via Realm. If you would like to volunteer, you may register your interest via Realm. For more information, visit [lmpc.org/children](http://lmpc.org/children).

**MANY OF OUR MISSIONARIES ARE VISITING LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN THIS SUMMER,** and many are seeking temporary housing. Length of stay could vary from one week to several months. If you have housing available for temporary guests, please email Stephanie Young in the missions office at [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

**"FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN" STUDY RESOURCE:** As small groups are winding down for the school year, we will no longer be publishing the "Further up, Further in" study resource each week. Please visit [lmpc.org/sermons](http://lmpc.org/sermons) to find study resources from previous weeks.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*