



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 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 have a nursery available this morning, as well as Sunday school classes for Pre-K/K - 5th grade.
- Children's worship 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.

Order of Worship

Prelude

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"
Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Introit

"Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing"

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing: Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring, wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing, the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labors, all but unavailing, to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing, a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing, filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer—
the living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting, true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one faith reciting, one in the truth of Jesus and his Word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended, one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended, Christ over all, the everlasting King!

text by Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1976; traditional Irish tune, LONDONDERRY AIR

*** Call to worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10b-12

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

*** Hymn of praise**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(please see the following page for words and music)*

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer for our graduates

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breath, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled_ breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us_ be:

fix in us thy hum - ble_ dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies_ crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised_ rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and_ nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples_ leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in_ thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou_ art;
 take a - way the love of_ sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga_ be;
 Thee we would be al - ways_ bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to_ glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our_ place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling_ heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with - out_ ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect_ love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and_ praise.

text by Charles Wesley, 1747; music by John Zundel, 1870, BEECHER

Choral meditation “If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments”

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
e’en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.

text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of confession

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”
(please see the following page for words and music)

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into
the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If
anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in
God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“’Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”
(please see the following page for words and music)

*** Scripture reading from Genesis 27:30-46**

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)
David Wharton (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

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
 3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;

and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
 and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
 might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;
 sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,

and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up.
 and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

text by Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; music by Richard Redhead, 1853, REDHEAD

“'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”

1.'Tis not that I did choose thee, for, Lord, that could not be; this heart would still re-
2.'Twas sov-reign mer-cy called me and taught my o - p'ning mind; the world had else en-

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

fuse thee, hadst thou not cho - sen me. Thou from the sin that stained me hast
thrall'd me, to heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. My heart owns none be - fore thee, for

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line continues with eighth notes.

cleansed and set me free; of old thou hast or - dained me, that I should live to thee.
thy rich grace I thirst; this know - ing, if I love thee, thou must have loved me first.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note G4. The bass line continues with eighth notes and ends with a final chord.

Sermon "Sin's Inevitable Consequences/God's Unstoppable Advance"

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

1. Mar - vel-ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt,
2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - veil to wash it a - way?

yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told, points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross.
Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide; whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

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Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;
Mar - vel-ous grace, in - fi - nite grace,

grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.
mar - vel-ous grace, in - fi - nite grace,

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Improvisation on “Hymn to Joy”
Richard Elliott

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – soloist
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

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 to 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.

WOMEN OF LMPC: Join us for our Women’s Summer Suppers on June 3 and July 13. 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.

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.

WE HAVE THREE POSITIONS OPEN on the LMPC staff: Assistant to Pastor Hitchings (full time); Children’s Ministry Assistant (25 hours/week); and Church Management Software Administrator (10-15 hours/week). For more information and to apply please visit lmpc.org.

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

Genesis 27:30-46

³⁰After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." ³²His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

³³Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" ³⁴When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" ³⁵But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." ³⁶Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" ³⁷Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?" ³⁸Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud. ³⁹His father Isaac answered him, "Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above. ⁴⁰You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck."

⁴¹Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

⁴²When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you. ⁴³Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. ⁴⁴Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides. ⁴⁵When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?" ⁴⁶Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Sanctuary Choral Ensembles: Women (middle school and up) will sing in sanctuary services during the month of June. Men will sing in sanctuary services during the month of July.
- Communion Choir at Thrive: 3rd Friday of each month at 12:45 p.m.
- "Hymns for Home": ministering to the homebound through music. Times will vary.

You do not need to be a member of the Chancel Choir to participate. For more information about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org.

SERMON NOTES

“Sin’s Inevitable Consequences/God’s Unstoppable Advance”

Genesis 27:30-46

1. Beware of the inevitable consequences of our sinful choices.
 - Isaac: surprising realization

 - Esau: shattering remorse that still lacks repentance

 - Rebekah: fracturing relationships and personal despair

2. Be aware of the unstoppable advance of God’s covenant blessing.
 - God sovereignly overrules some of his people’s worst choices to still advance the grace he intends.
 - ◇ “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (Genesis 50:20)

 - ◇ “This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” (Acts 2:23)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 23

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K - 5th grade	<i>elementary area</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K - 5th grade	<i>elementary area</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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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.