

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 6, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise

"Across the Lands"

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan. Ev 'ry
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, and ex-
3. With a shout you rose vic-tor-ious, wrest-ling vic-t'ry from the grave, and as-
star and ev-'ry pla-net has been fas-hioned by your hand. All cre-
changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross. With a
cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in your way. Now you
a-tion holds to- geth-er by the po-wer of your voice. Let the
prayer you fed the hung-ry; with a word you calmed the sea; yet how
stand be-fore the Fath-er, in-ter-ced-ing for your own; from each
skies de-clare your glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice! You're the
si-lent-ly you suf-fered, that the guil-ty may go free!
tribe and tongue and na-tion, you are lead-ing sin-ners home!
Au-thor of cre-a-tion; you're the Lord of ev-'ry
man; and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of God's providence

Leader: What is God's providence?

All: **God's providence is his completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.**

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: The almighty and ever-present power of God by which he upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Leader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

based on Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 11 and Heidelberg Catechism, questions 27 and 28

Call to confession

taken from Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hymn of confession

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy_ law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy_ cross I cling;

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and_ pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I_ die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

* Hymn of assurance

"How Great Thou Art"



1.O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2.And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
3.When Christ shall come with shout of acc - la - ma - tion and take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -



thun - der, thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. Then sings my
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
a - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



soul, my Sa - vior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune

Hymn of preparation

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing wa - ters
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub -



land; I am weak, but thou art migh - ty; hold me with thy power - ful
 flow; let the fier - ry cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney
 side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's



hand; Bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more;
 through; strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
 side; songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee;



Bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield.
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee.

text by William Williams, 1745; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002

* Scripture reading from Genesis 29:1-30

Pamela Wilson

¹Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. ²As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, ³and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well. ⁴Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." ⁵He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." ⁶He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!" ⁷He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them." ⁸But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

⁹While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ¹¹Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. ¹²And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father. ¹³As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹(Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Jacob, the Deceiver, Is Deceived”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

As we grow in grace, we begin to see more clearly:

1. the beauty of God’s providence. (vv. 1-8)

2. the reality of our self-absorption. (vv. 9-14)

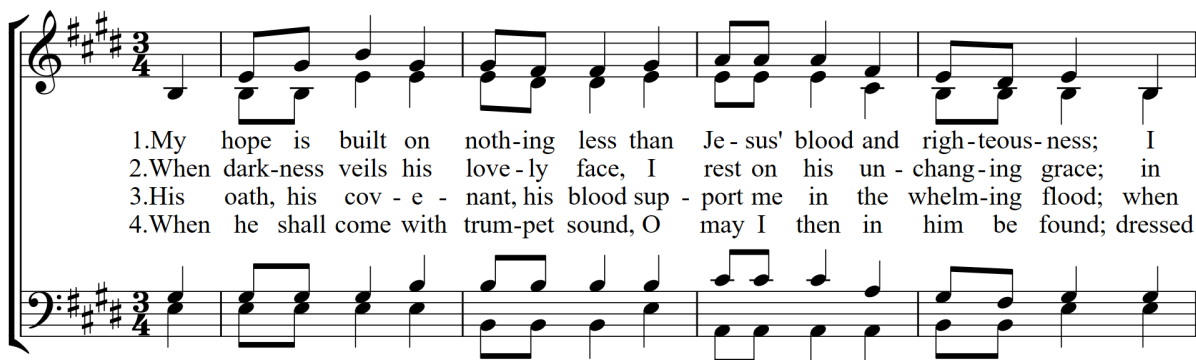
3. the blessing of God’s discipline. (vv. 15-30)

Pastoral prayer

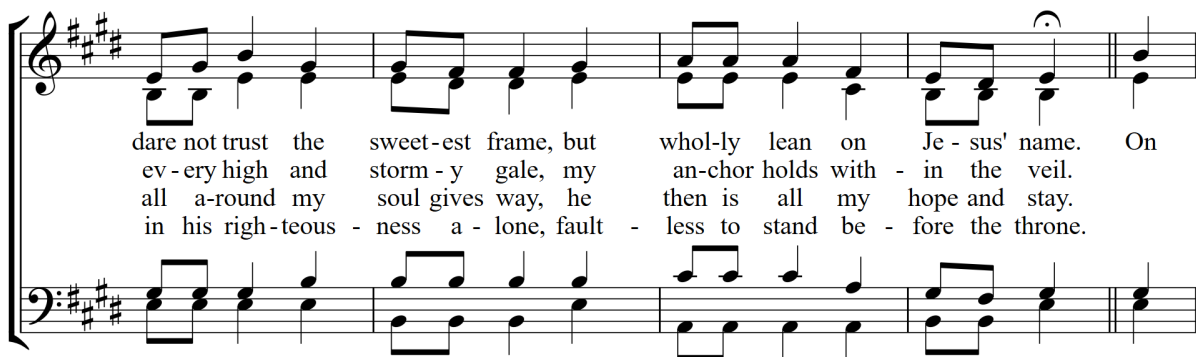
*** Hymn of response**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
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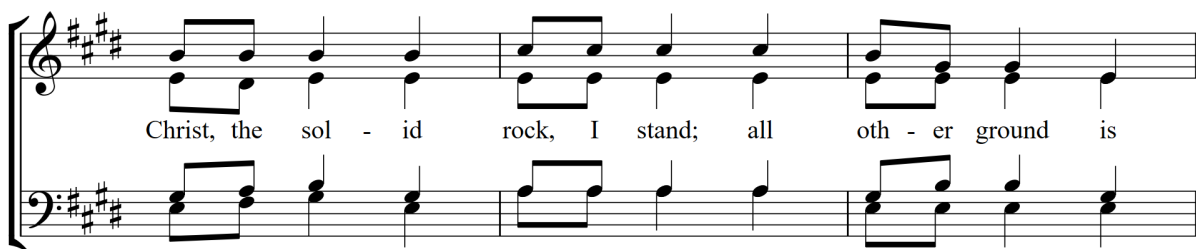
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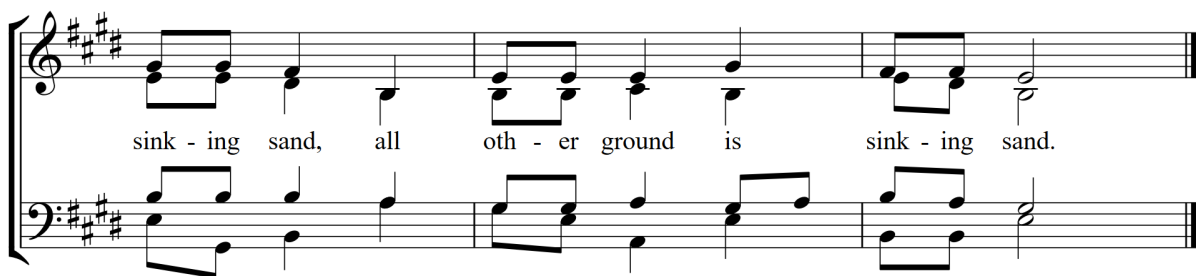
1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; I
2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace; in
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed



dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name. On
ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an-chor holds with - in the veil.
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.

* **Benediction**

* **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.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Scott Quatro – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 open via Realm. If you would like to volunteer, you may register your interest via Realm. For more information, visit lmpc.org/children.

SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION: Summer break can often put a strain on families already struggling with food insecurity. This year, we will be holding a limited food collection, beginning today, to benefit the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army Food Pantry. We will collect:

1. peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers preferred)
2. canned ravioli
3. fruit cups
4. cracker snacks (peanut butter and/or cheese crackers)

We will collect these items in the Small Conference Room **from today through Sunday, June 20**. Please consider how you may be able to contribute to our summer collection, and look for more information on our annual food collection, Build-A-Bag, beginning in August.

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