



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 13, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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**Prelude** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
*arr. Ovid Young*

**Welcome and announcements** Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Introit** "With Grateful Heart" Women's Ensemble

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the throne thy praise I sing;  
I worship in thy holy place, and praise thee for thy truth and grace.

O LORD, enthroned in glory bright, thou reignest in the heav'nly height;  
thy truth and grace together shine in thy most holy Word divine.

The work thou hast for me begun shall by thy grace be fully done;  
forever mercy dwells with thee; O LORD, my God, abide with me.  
*text from Psalm 138, Psalter Hymnal, 1912; arr. Mark Schweizer, O WALY WALY*

**\* Call to worship** based on Psalm 99

**Leader:** The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between  
the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**All:** **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let us  
praise your great and awesome name—for you are holy.**

**Leader:** You are the mighty King, and you love justice. In Jacob you have done  
what is just and right. We exalt you, our LORD and God, and worship  
at your footstool, for you are holy.

**All:** **We exalt you, O LORD our God, for you are holy!**

\* Hymn of praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;  
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

### Prayer of confession

Leader: Heavenly Father, you instruct us in your Word to “trust in the LORD with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding.” You tell us to “not be wise in our own eyes” but rather “fear the LORD and shun evil.”

**All: We confess that we are often half-hearted in our trust and lean more on our own understanding than yours. We act as though we are wiser than you, and are prone to indulge in evil rather than shun it.**

Leader: You tell us in your Word that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

**All: We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of your pure wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. Instead of fearing you, we have become lukewarm and show contempt for your commands. Apart from your grace, we are fools who despise your mercy. Heavenly Father, heal our wayward and arrogant hearts, and grant us your wisdom.**

*taken from Proverbs 3:5, 7; 1:7; and 2:6*

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral meditation

“Depth of Mercy”

Women’s Ensemble

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God his wrath forbear; me, the chief of sinners spare?  
Me, the chief of sinners spare?

I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face,  
would not harken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls;  
grieved him by a thousand falls.

At the throne my Savior stands, holding forth his wounded hands.  
 Seeing him, my sin I feel, rend my heart and do his will.  
 He forgives and loves me still; he loves me still!  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Peter Davis, 1995*

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

based on Ephesians 2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;

when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my  
 pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be  
 jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less

hold through life's fear-ful path; for my love is oft-en cold;  
 lost; his pro-mis-es shall last; bought by him at such a cost,  
 life, he will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

he must hold me fast. He will hold me fast, he will hold me  
 he will hold me fast.  
 when he comes at last!

fast; for my Sa-rior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

*text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP, UBP, CCLI  
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<sup>31</sup>When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. <sup>32</sup>And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." <sup>33</sup>She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. <sup>34</sup>Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. <sup>35</sup>And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

<sup>1</sup>When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" <sup>2</sup>Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" <sup>3</sup>Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." <sup>4</sup>So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. <sup>5</sup>And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. <sup>6</sup>Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. <sup>7</sup>Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. <sup>8</sup>Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

<sup>9</sup>When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. <sup>10</sup>Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. <sup>11</sup>And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. <sup>12</sup>Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. <sup>13</sup>And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher.

<sup>14</sup>In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." <sup>15</sup>But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." <sup>16</sup>When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. <sup>17</sup>And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. <sup>18</sup>Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

<sup>19</sup>And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. <sup>20</sup>Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun.

<sup>21</sup>Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

<sup>22</sup>Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. <sup>23</sup>She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." <sup>24</sup>And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the LORD add to me another son!"

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** "Life's Truest and Deepest Need: God and His Grace"  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. God's people, not understanding their deepest need, often make idols out of good things.
2. God, fully knowing our deepest needs, gives his grace even in the face of our sin.

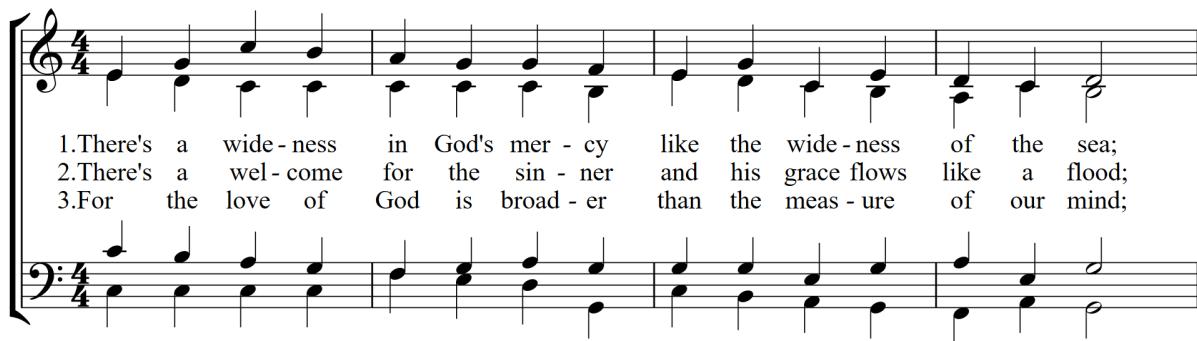
Application: What we learn about our truest and deepest need

- No human relationship will ever fulfill our deepest need—only God and his grace can.
- All attempts to fill that need with anything but God and his grace are certain to collapse under the massive weight of our over-expectations and over-inflated hopes.
- God's grace not only comes to the unwanted ones of the world, but it also comes through the unwanted One, rejected by the world.

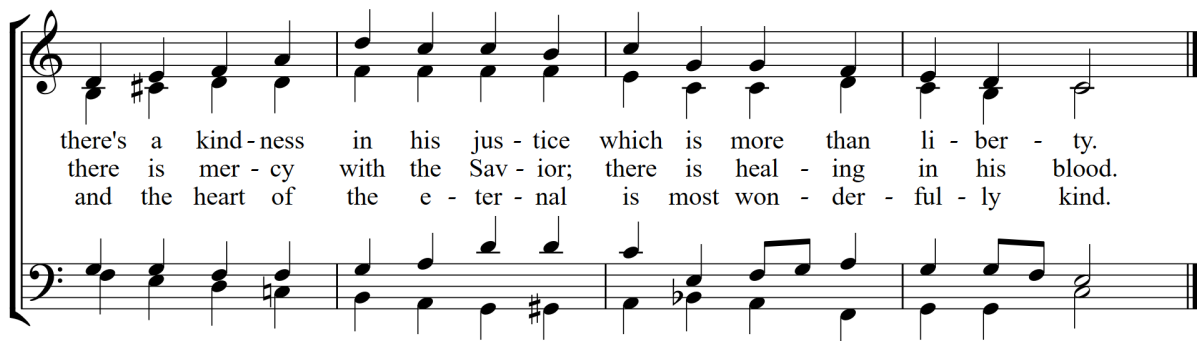
## Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. There's a wel - come for the sin - ner and his grace flows like a flood;  
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ure of our mind;



there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

*text by Frederick William Faber, 1862; music by John Stainer, The Crucifixion, 1887, WYCLIFF*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

### \* Postlude

“Postlude” in 18th Century Style

*Eric Thiman*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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### Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director  
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Women’s Ensemble



**The rosebud in the sanctuary today** is for the birth of Myrna Joy McCool, born to Sarah and Jake McCool on May 31.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION** for the Chattanooga Salvation Army Food Pantry continues this week. We are collecting the following items in the Small Conference Room through next Sunday, June 20:

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

Thank you for your participation!

**OUR WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** continues this Wednesday, June 16, at 9:30 a.m. Due to VBS this week, we will meet in the Jane Harris Youth Building instead of the fellowship hall, and childcare will not be available. You can listen to the recordings from our first two studies at [lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies](http://lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies).

**LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMER GATHERINGS** begin this week. All middle schoolers are invited to participate.

- Middle School Summer Bible Study: Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the JHYB (beginning today)
- Middle School Girls Hangout Time: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the JHYB (beginning June 15)
- Middle School "Mensday Wednesday": Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the JHYB (beginning June 16)

We also continue to have youth group on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the JHYB. Please join us!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a 2021 PCA General Assembly report on Sunday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. General Assembly is the annual meeting of representative elders and churches of the denomination of the PCA and is taking place June 28-July 2 in St. Louis. Please pray for the assembly and plan to join us for the report in July.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS** which will take place on Tuesday, July 13. Registration will open on Tuesday, June 22. Please make plans to join us for an evening of food and fellowship with other women from our church and community. If you would like to host a supper, please email [women@lmpc.org](mailto:women@lmpc.org).

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

## **GIVING UPDATE THROUGH MAY 31, 2021**

**Annual Budget:** \$5,179,800

**2021 Giving YTD:** \$1,994,313

**Remaining Gifts Needed:** \$3,185,487

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$1,439,630

**Unpledged Giving Needed:** \$1,745,857

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year.

As we begin summer, we encourage you to prayerfully keep up the momentum in giving. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).