

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Order of Worship

#### Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

\* Call to worship

based on 1 Chronicles 16

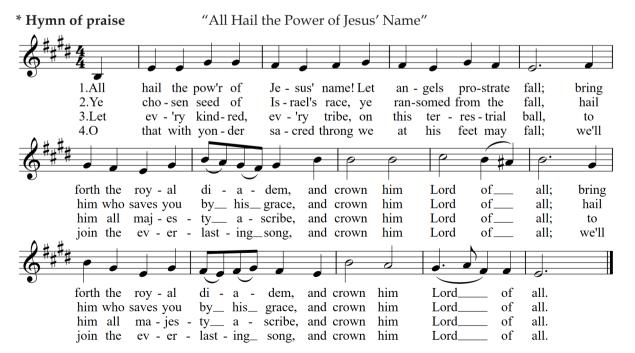
Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.



**Affirmation of faith** based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine, and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. For we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Call to confession based on Romans 12:1-2a

I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**Hymn of confession** "Come, Ye Sinners" (continue scrolling for words and music)



text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

# Silent prayers of confession

# Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

\* Hymn of assurance

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer" (continue scrolling for words and music)

#### "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"



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Hymn of preparation

"I Have a Shelter" (continue scrolling for words and music)



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# \* Scripture reading from Genesis 30:25-31:21

**James Stevens** 

<sup>25</sup>As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. <sup>26</sup>Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." <sup>27</sup>But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you. <sup>28</sup>Name your wages, and I will give it." <sup>29</sup>Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. <sup>30</sup>For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" 31He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: 32 let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. 33So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." 34Laban said, "Good! Let it

be as you have said." <sup>35</sup>But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. <sup>36</sup>And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

<sup>37</sup>Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. <sup>38</sup>He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, <sup>39</sup>the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. <sup>40</sup>And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. <sup>41</sup>Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, <sup>42</sup>but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. <sup>43</sup>Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, "Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has gained all this wealth." <sup>2</sup>And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before.

<sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you." <sup>4</sup>So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was <sup>5</sup>and said to them, "I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before. But the God of my father has been with me. <sup>6</sup>You know that I have served your father with all my strength, <sup>7</sup>yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not permit him to harm me.

<sup>8</sup>If he said, 'The spotted shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore striped. <sup>9</sup>Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. <sup>10</sup>In the breeding season of the flock I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream that the goats that mated with the flock were striped, spotted, and mottled. <sup>11</sup>Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!' <sup>12</sup>And he said, 'Lift up your eyes and see, all the goats that mate with the flock are striped, spotted, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. <sup>13</sup>I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.'"

<sup>14</sup>Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? <sup>15</sup>Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has indeed devoured our money. <sup>16</sup>All the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

<sup>17</sup>So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. <sup>18</sup>He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. <sup>19</sup>Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee. <sup>21</sup>He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Facing Cultural Challenges with God's Provision" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

- 1. Jacob faces challenges living in a culture that is unsympathetic to God's kingdom. (vv. 30:25-31:2)
  - Long-standing relational unpredictability (vv. 30:25-36; 31:1-2)
  - Potentially confusing cultural influences (vv. 30:37-43)
- 2. God imparts calling and provision to his people to live faithfully as servants of our God and his kingdom. (vv. 31:3-21)
  - The provision of revelation from God (vv. 31:3, 10-13; 28:13-19)
  - The calling to mentor our family (vv. 31:4-7)
  - The calling to steward our family's resonse to God's calling (vv. 31:14-16, 19)
  - The provision and calling to take the first steps to go as he commands (vv. 31:17-21)

# Pastoral prayer



text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

#### \* 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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola Sam Miller – violin Charlotte Reeder – vocalist Jeremy Taylor – piano Fred Verwoerd – vocalist Chapman Whitted – guitar

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY OF OUR SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION** for the Chattanooga Salvation Army Food Pantry. We are collecting the following items in the Small Conference Room through today:

- 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!

**ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MEN'S ENSEMBLE** for singing in sanctuary services on July 11, 18 and 25. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. beginning July 7. Please contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org for more information.

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.

**OUR NEXT WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS** will take place on Tuesday, July 13. Registration via Realm will open this 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.

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IN MEMORIAM
Ralph Alvin Kenner

June 22, 1944 – June 15, 2021