



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 20, 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.
- 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

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**Prelude**

"Sheep May Safely Graze"  
J. S. Bach

**Welcome and announcements**

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

**Introit**

"Hail, Breath of Life"

Women's Ensemble

Hail, Breath of Life! Holy Fount of Light!  
Hail, O Life Giver! Radiance ever bright!  
Christ, our Redeemer Christ, our Light!  
Christ, begotten of the Father's might!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hail, Breath of Life! Holy Fount of Light!  
Hail, O Life Giver! Radiance ever bright!  
Christ reigns who died a death of shame!  
Let all living things adore his name!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.  
*text by Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609; music by Joseph W. Clokey*

**\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 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. Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. 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 111**

“This Is My Father’s World”

Ensemble: This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
O let me ne’er forget!  
This is my father’s world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one. Amen!

**All:** This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

*text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915, arr. Randall Crenshaw*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from  
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

## 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.

## Prayer of confession

Psalm 19:12b-14

**Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Choral prayer

"God Be in My Head"

Women's Ensemble

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking, and in my looking.

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart; God be in my heart.

God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.

*text adapted from Book of Hours, 1514, used in Clare College, Cambridge; music by Andrea Ramsey, 2010*

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Isaiah 55:7-9

**We believe that when we turn to the LORD, he will have mercy on us, for he is a God who freely pardons those who truly seek him. We also acknowledge that our thoughts are not his thoughts, and his ways are not our ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways and thoughts far above ours. Thanks be to God!**

### \* Hymn of assurance 308

"Jesus Paid It All"

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

*pp. 29-30 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Mark Zbinden (9:30)

Jennifer Thompson (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**

**Sermon**                    "Facing Cultural Challenges with God's Provision"  
                                  Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 32**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
*arr. Thomas Chesterton*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

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

**Women's Ensemble**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Ralph Alvin Kenner**  
June 22, 1944 – June 15, 2021

## Genesis 30:25-31:21

<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?" <sup>31</sup>He 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: <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>So 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." <sup>34</sup>Laban 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.

## SERMON NOTES

### “Facing Cultural Challenges with God’s Provision”

*Genesis 30:25-31:21*

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 response 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)



**SERMON NOTES**

“Facing Cultural Challenges with God’s Provision”

*Genesis 30:25-31:21*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:women@lmpc.org).

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



## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, June 20*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Middle school Bible study.....	JHYB

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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://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.