



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 27, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the tear-off card in the back of your bulletin 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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**Welcome and greetings**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 19 and Psalm 89

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

"This Is My Father's World"

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*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-8

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. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

### Hymn of confession

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.  
*text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000*

### Silent prayers of confession

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

### \* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*  
*text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882*

## Prayer of intercession for those with heavy hearts

**Leader:** God of all love and compassion, wisdom and knowledge, you know our hearts better than we do. You know the questions that burden us, the fears that drive us to despair, and the doubts that isolate us.

**All:** **We pray now for those in our midst and around the world who are experiencing profound hopelessness, unbearable sorrow, and overwhelming loneliness today.**

**Leader:** Send your Spirit to all whose minds are weighed down by anxiety and restlessness. Encourage their hearts and grant them a sense of your presence with them always.

**All:** **Soften our hearts to see the wounds in one another and teach us to be people of compassion. May we all cling to your promise that when we are afraid, we can trust in you. We can cast our burdens on you and you will sustain us.**

*based on Psalms 55 and 56*

**Hymn of preparation (9:30)**

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.  
*text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

**Sacrament of baptism (11:00)**

Ashley and William Kent bringing Mason William Kent

**\* Scripture reading from Genesis 31:22-55**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Mary Kaufmann (9:30)

Tabitha Kopic (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

**Sermon**

“Returning to the Land of Promise”  
Reverend David Arthur

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

*continued*

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody*

**\* 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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Charley Crichton** – bass  
**Hank Currin** – vocalist  
**Maria Dassow** – vocalist  
**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Caroline West** – violin

**Celebrating the baptism** of Mason William Kent at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Ashley and William Kent, his grandparents, Clare and Jonathan Kent and Charlotte Lindeman, and his great-grandmother, Martha Griffin.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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 this week, June 28-July 2 in St. Louis. Please pray for the assembly and plan to join us for the report in July.

**OUR MONTHLY VIP EVENTS ARE RESUMING IN JULY!** To welcome everyone back, we invite you to join us for pizza and popcorn at our annual VIP Movie Night on Thursday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m. To allow everyone to spread out as desired, we will meet in the fellowship hall. There is no cost to join us, but we do request that you RSVP no later than Monday, July 12. You can register via Realm or by calling the LMPC church office at 423-821-4528.

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

## Genesis 31:22-55

<sup>22</sup>When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, <sup>23</sup>he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead.

<sup>24</sup>But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

<sup>25</sup>And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. <sup>26</sup>And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have tricked me and driven away my daughters like captives of the sword?

<sup>27</sup>Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? <sup>28</sup>And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. <sup>29</sup>It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' <sup>30</sup>And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" <sup>31</sup>Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

<sup>32</sup>Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

<sup>33</sup>So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's. <sup>34</sup>Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. <sup>35</sup>And she said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me." So he searched but did not find the household gods.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jacob became angry and berated Laban. Jacob said to Laban, "What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? <sup>37</sup>For you have felt through all my goods; what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two. <sup>38</sup>These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. <sup>39</sup>What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. From my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. <sup>40</sup>There I was: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. <sup>41</sup>These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. <sup>42</sup>If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night."

<sup>43</sup>Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day for these my daughters or for their children whom they have borne? <sup>44</sup>Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be a witness between you and me." <sup>45</sup>So Jacob took a stone



and set it up as a pillar. <sup>46</sup>And Jacob said to his kinsmen, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap. <sup>47</sup>Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. <sup>48</sup>Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." Therefore he named it Galeed, <sup>49</sup>and Mizpah, for he said, "The LORD watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight. <sup>50</sup>If you oppress my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no one is with us, see, God is witness between you and me."

<sup>51</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me.

<sup>52</sup>This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm. <sup>53</sup>The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, <sup>54</sup>and Jacob offered a sacrifice in the hill country and called his kinsmen to eat bread. They ate bread and spent the night in the hill country. <sup>55</sup>Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home.

### **SERMON NOTES**

*"Returning to the Land of Promise"*

*Genesis 31:22-55*

1. The fruitlessness of self-reliance
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The faithfulness of God's grace
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The rightness of seeking reliance on God

**SERMON NOTES**

“Returning to the Land of Promise”

*Genesis 31:22-55*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS &  
COMMENTS**

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Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes     No

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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**PHONE**             DAY             EVENING

*Please deposit this card in the offering plate.*

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

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## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, June 27*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school Bible study	JHYB
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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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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