



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 4, 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

Prelude

"Rejoice and Sing"
Stephen Gabrielsen

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

taken from Jeremiah 32 and Revelation 4:8

Leader: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

All: **You show love to thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.**

Leader: You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

All: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

* Hymn of praise 710

“God of Our Fathers”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

text by Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; music by George William Warren, 1892, NATIONAL HYMN

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord’s prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Scripture reading from Genesis 32:1-21

p. 32 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer West (9:30)

Amos Oster (11:00)

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

* Gloria Patri 735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“A Rock and a Hard Place”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 713, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

“Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer”

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,
yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

With pitying eye behold our need, as thus we lift our prayer;
correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.

text by John H. Gurney, 1838; music attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727, from Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708, ST. ANNE

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

For the bread 486, vv. 1, 5

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

text from Psalm 51:1-15, The Psalter, 1912; music by Richard Redhead, 1853, REDHEAD

For the cup

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Instrumental meditation

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and deep I feel the pain;
in prayers the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

traditional African American spiritual, 19th century

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 301**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Join All the Glorious Names”

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow’r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow’rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e’er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
John Bacchus Dykes

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ **Nate Oster** – timpani

Brass Quartet:

Curt Elverd – trumpet **Bob Schmidt** – trumpet
Eric Miller – trombone **Doug Warner** – trombone

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED in our summer food collection. We were able to donate 11 shopping carts full of peanut butter, jelly, canned ravioli, and more to the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army Food Pantry. Keep an eye out for information on our 2021 Build-A-Bag Food Drive beginning in August.

WE WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE 2021 PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY next 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 which took place this past week in St. Louis. All are invited to attend! Nursery will be available.

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.

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.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS WILL BE HELD AUGUST 20-22, as well as a final session on August 29 (if needed). This class is for those who are interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 by August 8.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP which will take place September 10-12, 2021. Mark your calendars for registration opening on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 a.m. More information coming soon!

DUE TO CIVIL UNREST IN THEIR COUNTRY OF SERVICE, one of our supported missionary families is looking for housing (preferably rent-free) for the next 9-12 months. If you have a guest house or apartment that may be available, please email Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org.

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

Genesis 32:1-21

¹Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim. ³And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, ⁴instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'"

⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape." ⁹And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹²But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

¹³So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove." ¹⁷He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' ¹⁸then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.'" ¹⁹He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, ²⁰and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." ²¹So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

SERMON NOTES
"A Rock and a Hard Place"
Genesis 32:1-21

1. An encouraging reminder leading to a revealing response (vv. 1-5)

2. A growing fear leading to dependent prayer (vv. 6-12)
 - An affirmation of God's past faithfulness (v. 9)

 - A proclamation of Jacob's core unworthiness (v. 10a)

 - A recollection of God's abundant provision (v. 10b)

 - A petition for God's intervention (v. 11)

 - A rehearsal of God's promises (v. 12)

3. An appeasing offer to an offended party (vv. 13-21)

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 4

9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion..... *sanctuary & fellowship hall*
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Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel

For more events this week, visit 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 Sunday of every month in all morning services.

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.