



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 11, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

“Grand Chœur”  
*César Franck*

## Welcome and announcements

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

## Introit

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Men’s Ensemble

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
let thy goodness, as a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.  
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*text by Robert Robinson; music by John Wyeth, arr. Donald Ripplinger, 2004*

## \* Call to worship

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

**All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Leader: Worthy of praise from every mouth, worthy of confession from every tongue, worthy of worship from every creature, is your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

*based on Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1; 5th century liturgy and 1 Peter 2:9*

## \* Hymn of praise 34, vv. 1, 3, 6

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,  
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

*text by Thomas Olivers, 1770; music is Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770, LEONI*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Ministry report

### Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13 and Micah 7:18-19

Leader: He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**All: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Choral prayer

“Peace, Perfect Peace”

Men’s Ensemble

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

*text by Edward Bickersteth, 1875; music by George T. Caldbeck, 1877, PAX TECUM*

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### \* Hymn of assurance 703, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Loved with Everlasting Love”

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,  
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so.  
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;  
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine;  
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine.

Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,  
all his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.  
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love’s design?  
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.  
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.  
Heav’n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,  
but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine;  
but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.  
*text by George W. Robinson, 1890; music by James Mountain, ca. 1890, EVERLASTING LOVE*

### \* Scripture reading from Genesis 32:22-32

Keith Michaels

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

<sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

<sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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**

**"Wrestling with God"**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

As God's people wrestle with him, he is committed to:

1. meeting them in their places of darkness. (vv. 22-24)
2. providing them with a new identity. (vv. 25-29)
3. securing their true deliverance. (vv. 30-32)

## Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response 598

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*text by William Williams and Peter Williams, 1745, 1771; music by John Hughes, 1907, CWM RHONDDA*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

### \* Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
*arr. Paul Manz*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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### Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director  
Joshua Knight – organ

Men’s Ensemble

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Katie Fisher and Matt Hauck on July 10. They are given in loving memory of Morgan Elizabeth Fisher, sister of the bride.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE 2021 PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TONIGHT** at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. General Assembly is the annual meeting of representative elders and churches of the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) which took place June 28-July 2, 2021. All are invited to attend tonight's report! Nursery will be available.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS** is a vital part of our role as a supporting church. July's missionary prayer packet is available in the Small Conference Room. Please pick up a copy to use alongside your missionary directory. If you or your family would like additional information on prayer groups or resources, please contact Stephanie in the Missions Office.

**ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND POPCORN** at our annual VIP Movie Night this 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 tomorrow, 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](mailto: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!

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **LMPC NURSERY - FALL 2021**

Are you interested in serving our youngest worshippers? Our nursery needs helpers this fall. These opportunities include Sunday School helpers, monthly and quarterly nursery volunteers, and college/adult paid nursery workers. To sign up, please contact Amy Horne at [amy@lmpc.org](mailto:amy@lmpc.org).

### **HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY**

Hope for the Inner City is looking for volunteer help in its **Dental Clinic**. Please contact them if you are a dentist who is willing to provide basic dental services to uninsured low income people in Chattanooga and North Georgia, or if you own and operate a dental practice and have younger dentists who would like to serve the community as part of their yearly work.

Hope is also inviting volunteers to join them on Saturday mornings beginning in mid-July with chores and projects at the **Grow Hope Urban Farm**.

To volunteer for either of these opportunities, contact Tim Mahla by phone at 423-424-6734 or by email at [timothy@hope4theinnercity.org](mailto:timothy@hope4theinnercity.org).