



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 18, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

* Hymn of praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

text by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

* **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.

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of confession

based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind.

All: Lord, forgive us for our impatience with others and our unwillingness to be still and wait for your timing. Forgive us for the ways we are unkind and sometimes even hostile toward others.

Leader: Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

All: Lord, forgive us for the sinful desires in our hearts that reveal jealousy toward our neighbor. Forgive us for our arrogance, self-centeredness, and self-reliance.

Leader: Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

All: Lord, forgive us for the condescending and spiteful manner in which we sometimes speak to others, and for pursuing our own desires above all else. Forgive us for being quick to respond in frustration and anger to those around us, and for holding on so tightly to the ways we have been wronged by others.

Leader: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

All: Lord, teach us to protect, trust, hope, and persevere as you shape us to be more like you through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* **Hymn of assurance** “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Hymn of preparation “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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*** Scripture reading from Genesis 33**

Diane Marble

¹And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. ²And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. ³He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. ⁵And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ⁶Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. ⁷Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. ⁸Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." ⁹But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." ¹⁰Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. ¹¹Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

¹²Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you." ¹³But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. ¹⁴Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir." ¹⁵So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." ¹⁶So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. ¹⁷But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house

and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. ¹⁸And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. ¹⁹And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. ²⁰There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Wrestling with God, Restoring with People”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

1. Jacob's repentant posture (vv. 1-3)

2. God's beautiful restoration (vv. 4-11)

3. Jacob's ongoing sanctification (vv. 12-20)
 - Incomplete obedience

 - True worship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* **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:

Xaris Emmett – violin

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist

Rebekah Risley – vocalist

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Chapman Whitted – guitar

IN MEMORIAM

William Donnell Heath

June 2, 1931 – July 12, 2021

Celebrating the baptism of Maeve Amelia McCool and Myrna Joy McCool at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Sarah and Jacob McCool, and their grandparents, Carol and Pat McReynolds.

Celebrating the baptism of Ruth Debora Joy Riley and Peter Harvest Riley at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Kara and Scott Riley, their grandparents, Sarah and Andy Funke, Beth Riley, and Linda and Lou Schimpf, and their great-grandmother, Betty Meekins.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEXT VIP EVENT WILL BE WILD & WACKY BINGO on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for a boxed dinner and a fun evening of bingo! The cost is \$6 per person and the registration deadline is this Thursday, July 22. Please RSVP via Realm or by sending your payment to the LMPC church office.

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 OUR WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICK-OFF on Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship as we celebrate being back together, and hear what is ahead for Women's Discipleship in the coming year. We will enjoy dinner from Bob's Brick Oven and worship led by Jennifer Daniels. The cost is \$10 per person, and no prior registration is required.

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.

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

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Annual Budget: \$5,179,800

2021 Giving YTD: \$2,327,264

Remaining gifts needed: \$2,852,536

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,436,130

Unpledged Giving Needed: \$1,416,406

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC as we reach the halfway point in the year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.