



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 25, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude Variations on “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
arr. Michael Helman

Welcome and announcements Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

Introit “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” Men’s Ensemble

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

text from Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912; music from Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, RIPLEY

*** Call to worship** based on Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart.

**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: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are
trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness
and uprightness.

**All: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant
forever—holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal
praise!**

* **Hymn of praise 38**

“Immortable, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music from traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA OR ST. DENIO

* **Prayer of adoration**

* **Affirmation of faith**

The Apostle’s 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 Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Silent prayers of confession

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
 The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
 Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
 The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home,
 lead me home, lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
 Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
 The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.
text by John Newton, 1779, and Craig Courtney, 2004; music by Craig Courtney, 2004

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Leader: Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature, which I will struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question 56 and Romans 8:1-2

* Hymn of assurance 310, vv. 1, 2, 5

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain*
text by Charles Wesley, 1746; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

* **Scripture reading from Genesis 34**

Wil Nettleton

¹Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ²And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this girl for my wife."

⁵Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it." ¹¹Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹²Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife." ¹³The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴They said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone." ¹⁸Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem. ¹⁹And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his father's house. ²⁰So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹"These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²²Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they

are circumcised. ²³Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.” ²⁴And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. ²⁵On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem’s house and went away. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household.” ³¹But they said, “Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?”

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

“Tragic Mistreatment/Toxic Response”
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

1. The tragic mistreatment of Dinah (vv. 1-4)
2. The toxic response of Jacob’s sons (vv. 8-29)
3. The troubling silence and self-centeredness of Jacob (vv. 5-7, 30-31)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us and remade us as his own;
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God’s servants, working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

text by Thomas A. Jackson, 1973; music by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, AUSTRIAN HYMN

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
arr. Barbara Harbach

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Men’s Ensemble
Lee Smith – violin

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: METANOIA PRISON MINISTRIES

Metanoia Prison Ministries is one of our Home Missions strategic partners. Metanoia runs a ministry called “The Next Door,” a private, Christian-run facility on Moccasin Bend which houses 45 female prisoners who are finishing the last 18 months of their sentence. The Next Door is having their next volunteer training this Wednesday, July 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers should be over 25 years of age and ready to come alongside a prisoner in a one-on-one relationship. If you are interested, please email Mark Casson at mcasson@pcanet.org.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE INVITED TO A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for Wil Nettleton, our new pastor of outreach, on Sunday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following this special service, we will celebrate with ice cream and cookies in the courtyard as we welcome Wil and Mary and their children, Cooper and Story, to the LMPC family. Nursery will be provided.

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.

GRIEF SHARE IS A GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our fall group will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 12. You can register for this group via Realm. For more information, contact Ed Salter at 678-358-8782 or edwardsalter815@gmail.com; or Chad Middlebrooks at 423-424-4097 or chad@lmpc.org.

WE WILL BE RESUMING IN-PERSON Adult Sunday School this fall. Sunday School classes for all ages begin on August 15. You can find the schedule and locations for adult classes at lmpc.org/sunday-school. All are welcome to join!

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