



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 24, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

David Caines, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt our God the King; we will praise his name for ever and ever.

All: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures through all generations. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

All: Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

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.

Hymn of confession

“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.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

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.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

* Hymn of assurance

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav’n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

*** Scripture reading from Isaiah 61:1-11**

Annie Reynolds

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁵Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; ⁶but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

⁷Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. ⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Realigning with God's Reign"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. What is Jesus' mission? (vv. 1-3)
 - Jesus, the anointed Servant, brings good news of grace and gladness to those who are poor, weary, and trapped.
2. How do we align with Jesus' mission? (vv. 4-6)
 - By eagerly engaging in the work of restoration and repair of all that has been broken and devastated
3. What marks us as we embark on Jesus' mission? (vv. 7-11)
 - Joyful and dependent confidence in God's covenant faithfulness

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "A Hymn for All the World"

There is no place in all the world you do not call your own,
creator of all peoples, every nation, every tongue.
From every corner of the earth, boundless is your reign.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear us sing your praise.

We, your people, call to you, asking for your help.
O God, be merciful to those whose pain we've never felt.
Give them rest from worldly sorrow; bless them, Lord, with food to eat.
We ask you, Gentle Shepherd, call the ones who are your sheep.

All-seeing Lord, now look to those in city and in field
who seek to spread your fame and love, this broken world to heal.
See your persecuted children; soothe their violent wounds.
In their weakness be their strength, that they might hope in you.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may your Kingdom come.
In all the earth, as it is in heaven, may your will be done.
In all the world, in all our hearts, Jesus, you are King.
We wait, we hope, we trust, we know, your face we soon shall see.
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* **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.**

RENEW presentation

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Charley Crichton – bass
Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola

Hallie Blair Quatro – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist
Chapman Whitted – guitar

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR EMPHASIS ON RENEW. If you would like to find out more about RENEW, you may pick up a booklet from around the church, visit lmpc.org/renew, or send an email to renew@lmpc.org. You can also make your three-year financial commitment to RENEW by turning in a commitment card, or by pledging online at lmpc.org/renew or via Realm. Please pray for RENEW and plan to join us next Sunday, October 31 for Commitment Sunday.

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES, APRIL AND DANIEL, WILL GIVE A REPORT TONIGHT IN EVENING PRAYER. Please join us at 6 p.m. in the chapel to hear about their work.

OUR NEXT MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST will take place this Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for fellowship, breakfast, and a word of encouragement from Chris Talley, pastor of Lakeway Presbyterian Church in Morristown, Tenn. Invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A NEW EVENT, "THE BRIDGE," this Thursday, October 28 in the **fellowship hall**. The Bridge is a gathering of women of all ages to come together for fellowship and to hear how God has been at work in the life of one of our LMPC women. Peggy Michaels will be sharing her story at this gathering. Dinner will be provided for \$5 and we will gather at 6:00 p.m. Please register via Realm by **tomorrow, October 25**.

HEDGEHOG GROVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you are interested in finding out more about this respite ministry, or if you are a new volunteer, please make plans to attend a Hedgehog Grove training meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. The Child Protection Policy will be presented, followed by specific information and training for ministering to elementary children with special needs and their families. For more information, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

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