

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 19, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

* Call to worship

Don Kent, ruling elder

taken from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

- Leader: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?
- All: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

* Hymn of praise "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. *text by Edward Perronet*, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Leader: What do the scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice. From my sins O hide thy face; blot them out in boundless grace.

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* The Psalter, *1912; music by Christopher Miner*, *1997*

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Leader: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

All: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Thanks be to God!

* Hymn of assurance "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed; I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God: salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save; for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831*

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *text by Isaac Watts*, 1707; *music from traditional English melody*, O WALY WALY

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

* Scripture reading from Luke 9:37-45

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

⁴³And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Jesus' Power and Purpose" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Followers of Jesus must hold together:

- 1. his matchless power and authority. (vv. 37-42)
 - A father's desperate request (vv. 37-40)
 - Jesus' sharp rebuke of unbelieving disciples (v. 41)
 - Jesus' healing power (v. 42)
- 2. his purposeful suffering and rejection. (vv. 43-45)
 - The crowd's marveling response (v. 43)
 - Jesus' incomprehensible announcement (vv. 44-45)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith, to the anguish and the shame of scandal, came the Savior of the human race! But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell of the gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel!

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well; yet his righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross; he was punished for the world's transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost. He fights for breath, he fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell; and with a shout our souls are free—death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne, interceding for his own beloved, till his Father calls to bring them home! Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds, hope of heaven or the fear of hell; but the bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel! text and music by Stuart Townend © 1999 Thankyou Music. ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* 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

Musicians for this week:

Charley Crichton – bass **Calvin Garriott** – piano **David Henry** – guitar, vocals **Hannah Lutz** – viola Hope Plating – vocals Emmie Thompson – vocals Fred Verwoerd – vocals **The rosebud in the fellowship hall today** is for the birth of Edmund Boaz Gambrell born to Christy and Dave Gambrell on June 13.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES: The 22nd Annual installment of the George Long Preaching Series will take place on Sunday, June 26. We will welcome Gabe Fluhrer, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, to open God's Word to us in regular morning worship services.

INTRO TO LMPC WILL BE HELD AUGUST 19-21. This class is for those who are interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. We will meet Friday from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday during the Sunday school hour. One final Sunday school session will wrap up the class on August 28. Email julie@lmpc.org to register before August 1.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER: Did you know there is a regular prayer group that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. to pray for the LMPC congregation and community? Join anytime in the Reception Room (or the Chapel during boiler work).

TEMPORARY LIBRARY/HALLWAY CLOSURE: Please return library materials to the church office.

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