



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 10, 2022 | **Sanctuary Service**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O Rest in the Lord” from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
and he shall give thee thy heart’s desires.
Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him,
and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

Introit

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #57)

Men’s Ensemble

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 113 and 147

Leader: Praise the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

All: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

All: The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power. Sing to the LORD!

* Hymn of praise 44, vv. 1, 3, 4

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune, O STORE GUD

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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, as 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

Choral meditation*“Peace, Perfect Peace”*

Men’s Ensemble

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #702)***Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on 1 Peter 2

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. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*** Hymn of assurance 599***“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.
text by Dorothy Thrupp, 1836; music by William B. Bradbury, 1859, SHEPHERD

Worship in the giving of God’s tithe and our offerings**Offertory***“The King of Love and Grace”*

Men’s Ensemble

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see.
And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.
And he is mine forever.

text by Henry Baker and John Newton; arr. Christopher Aspaas, ST. COLUMBA

*** 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 dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 1:9-18**

Wil Nettleton

⁹“At that time I said to you, ‘I am not able to bear you by myself. ¹⁰The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. ¹¹May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! ¹²How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? ¹³Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.’ ¹⁴And you answered me, ‘The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.’

¹⁵“So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. ¹⁶And I charged your judges at that time, ‘Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. ¹⁷You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’ ¹⁸And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Bearing the Burden of God's Beloved"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Bearing the burdens of God's beloved people calls for leadership that is:

1. shared and delegated. (vv. 9-14)
2. wise and godly. (vv. 15-18)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 521

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863, SOLID ROCK

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Fantasia pro Organo"
Johann Ludwig Krebs

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Men's Ensemble

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME HEAR A REPORT ON THE 2022 PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

VIP WACKY BINGO: This popular VIP event will be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy wild and wacky games of bingo, prizes, and a boxed dinner. Reserve your seat before July 21 by registering on Realm or sending your payment of \$6 to the church office. If you register on Realm and do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528.

MDO TEACHERS NEEDED: Mother's Day Out teachers, aides, and substitutes are needed for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a great way to minister to families, earn some money, and fellowship with other women. If interested, please email Megan DeMoss, MDO Director at megan@lmpc.org.

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

HELP MEET URGENT NEEDS IN UKRAINE!

"Crates for Ukraine" is a Mission to the World ministry providing personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of churches in the U.S. to the hands of churches and displaced communities in Ukraine.



Beginning today, you can sign up to donate essential supplies which will be packed and delivered by courier to Krakow, Poland, where the materials can then be distributed. There are three types of crates being assembled, including basic care, basic meds, and basic wound care. Choose which item(s) you would like to donate and sign up at lmpc.org or by using the QR code. Our goal is to send at least two couriers (members of LMPC) with at least nine crates of supplies, so we need churchwide participation!

Your donated items can be dropped off in the Reception Room on Wednesday, July 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. or on Sunday, July 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.