

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Order of Worship

#### Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

based on Daniel 2 and Jeremiah 32

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power

are his.

All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Leader: He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,

and light dwells with him.

All: We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers. You show love to

thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.

\* Hymn of praise

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

## \* Prayer of adoration

#### Call to confession

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

#### Silent prayers of confession

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2:9-10, 24-25

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

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!" text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor, 2001

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

#### Offertory hymn

"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm, when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn; in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on, when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won. Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused. I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief; blind and fearful, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary. This, my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death, when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath. Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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## \* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 3:18-29

David Fowler

<sup>18</sup>"And I commanded you at that time, saying, 'The Lord your God has given you this land to possess. All your men of valor shall cross over armed before your brothers, the people of Israel. <sup>19</sup>Only your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in the cities that I have given you. <sup>20</sup>until the Lord gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also occupy the land that the Lord your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.'

<sup>21</sup>"And I commanded Joshua at that time, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.' <sup>23</sup>And I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying, <sup>24</sup>'O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? <sup>25</sup>Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.' <sup>26</sup>But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And the LORD said to me, 'Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again. <sup>27</sup>Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward

and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan. <sup>28</sup>But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.' <sup>29</sup>So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Serving and Surrendering" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

A life of faithfulness to God's calling always includes:

- 1. serving with the Lord's people until his purposes have been accomplished. (vv. 18-20)
- 2. surrendering to the Lord's plan with confident trust. (vv. 21-29)
  - Joshua: called to surrender fear in the face of a massive challenge (vv. 21-22)
  - Moses: called to surrender pride in the face of a massive loss (vv. 23-29)

### Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong. Who holds our days withing his hand? What comes, apart from his command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain* 

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forever more. Refrain text and music by Matt Papa, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Merker, and Jordan Kauflin © 2021 Getty Music Publishing, LLC, 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.

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#### Musicians for this week:

David Henry – guitar, vocals Hannah Lutz – viola Sam Miller – violin Charlotte Reeder – vocals John Reeder – piano John Wingard – vocals

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUILD-A-BAG**: Help feed our community by participating in our annual food drive benefiting the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. Please join us by picking up a bag from the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex, filling it with the items on the provided list, and dropping it off in the Small Conference Room before Sunday, September 11.

**FAMILY CAMP**: Registration for Family Camp begins August 16 at 7:00 a.m. on Realm. You won't want to miss this incredible weekend of fellowship and fun for all ages at Alpine Camp from September 9 to 11. Activities include a ropes course, climbing wall, swimming, and canoeing.

**SCRIPTURE & SONG**: "O Praise Ye the Lord!" Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21 for an evening of praise to God, led by our organist, Joshua Knight, with brass ensemble and congregational singing.

**VIP MOVIE NIGHT**: Join us on Tuesday, August 23 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building for pizza from Mr. T's, popcorn, treats, and a movie (*Enola Holmes*). The cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, August 19 by registering on Realm or sending your payment to the church office.

#### **FALL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES:**

- Children's Choirs for age 4 through grade 5: Wednesdays 4:45 5:40 p.m.
   (Beg. September 7)
- Worship Arts for Youth (WAY) for middle and high school: Mondays 4:30 5:30 p.m. (Beg. September 12)
- Chancel Choir for older youth (age 16) and beyond: Wednesdays 6:15 8:00 p.m. (Beg. August 24)

Register now on Realm.

**WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICKOFF DINNER**: Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. to begin the ministry year. Dinner will be provided by Bob's Brick Oven Pizza, and worship will be led by Jennifer Daniels. Invite your friends and neighbors, and come learn how you can get involved! No registration required; cost is \$10.

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