



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 21, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Andante in D
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and announcements

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* **Hymn of praise 16, vv. 1-4**

"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;
for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;
before the heathen's wond'ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

text from Psalm 98, from Associate Reformed Presbyterian Psalter, 1931; music by John Hatton, 1793,

DUKE STREET

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Choral Ensemble

Ensemble: When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

**All: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.**

text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

* Hymn of assurance 524

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain: To whom, save thee, who canst alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*
text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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

Offertory

"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Choral Ensemble

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever;
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.
text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

* 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 4:1-14**

Aaron Tolson

¹“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ³Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. ⁴But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. ⁵See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—¹⁰how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ ¹¹And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. ¹²Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice.

¹³“And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. ¹⁴And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Path of Covenantal Blessing”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

1. Covenantal blessing—obedience for the good of ourselves and our neighbors (vv. 1-8)
 - Life (vv. 1-4)
 - Land (v. 5)
 - Law (v. 6)
 - Light (vv. 6b-8)
2. Covenantal remembrance—diligence for the good of the next generation (vv. 9-14)
 - Repeat what God has done. (vv. 9-12)
 - Remember what you’ve heard. (vv. 13-14)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 172**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“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, 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, 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 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:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!”
text by John Newton, 1774; music from Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698, ALL SAINTS OLD

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“These Are Thy Holy Ten Commandments”

J. S. Bach

Musicians for this week:

Choral Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE & SONG: “O Praise Ye the Lord!” Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for an evening of praise to God, led by our organist, Joshua Knight, with brass ensemble and congregational singing. A cookie reception will follow in the courtyard.

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.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Care for the Caregiver meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room or through Zoom. For more information, please contact Ed Salter at edsalter815@gmail.com.

MEN’S DAY WEDNESDAY LUNCH: Regular lunches on the fourth Wednesday of each month resume on August 24 at 11:45 a.m. Meet at The Feed Table & Tavern for food and fellowship; bring a friend or coworker along.

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.

BUILD-A-BAG: Help feed our community by participating in this food drive benefiting the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. Pick up a bag to fill now in the fellowship hall lobby and bring it back before Sunday, September 11.