



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## **Order of Worship**

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**Welcome and greetings**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* **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**

*"Rejoice in All Your Works"*

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,  
every eye that searches through the dark for light,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Refrain:* O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;  
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,  
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips  
with the chorus of creation join in praise  
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,  
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

*text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of the law: the seventh commandment

Leader: What does the seventh commandment teach us?

**All: That God condemns all unchastity, and that, therefore, we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.**

Leader: Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

**All: We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.**

*The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 108 and 109*

### Call to confession

Romans 3:23-24

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.

### Prayer of confession

Leader: Father, God in heaven, you have told us: "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Your own love for us demonstrates sacrifice for the sake of others, yet we long to please ourselves at the cost of others. We constantly look for fulfillment through physical and emotional gratification rather than in our God, the Creator.

**All: Forgive us for treating human beings as objects to be used rather than people to be loved. Forgive us for indulging unholy desires and secret habits, and for the lies we tell to cover our actions.**

Leader: We immerse our thoughts, our eyes, and our bodies in the lies of this world. Forgive us for allowing your good gift of sex to become an idol that consumes us.

**All: Give us renewed hearts that long to bring healing to what is sexually twisted and broken in this world. Give us fresh eyes that look to Jesus as the image of the invisible God. Flood our desires with the joy of your Son Jesus, so that we might rightly enjoy every good and perfect gift that you give.**

### **Silent prayers of confession**

#### **Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

based on Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

#### **\* Hymn of assurance**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825*

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

## Offertory hymn

“Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
O how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
O the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev’ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;  
all the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”

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## Sacrament of baptism

Christy and Dave Gambrell bringing Edmund Boaz Gambrell

### \* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-18

Margot Kopic

<sup>1</sup>And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them.”

God said: <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>8</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

<sup>16</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>18</sup>“And you shall not commit adultery.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

**Sermon**                    “The Seventh Commandment: Don’t Commit Adultery”  
   Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The goodness of the command (Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:25-33; Isaiah 62:5)
2. The vastness of our failure and fight to keep this command (Matthew 5:27-29; 15:19-20)
3. The faithfulness of God in the Gospel of his Son (Psalm 51; John 4:28-29; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**                    “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 sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
he who washed us with his blood (3x) soon will bring us home 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*

\* **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 update**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ismael Bartolome** – violin

**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**Mark Gregory** – banjo

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Hannah Perry** – vocals

**Olivia Rainer** – vocals

**Celebrating the baptism** of Edmund Boaz Gambrell at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Christy and Dave Gambrell, his grandparents, Barb and Dan MacDougall and Kathleen and John Gambrell.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Rutherford Mako Whittaker at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Lindsey and Robert Whittaker, his grandparents, Brandy Rutherford and Linda and Tom Whittaker.

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall** today is for the birth of Charlotte Joyce Kaufmann, born to Rachel and David Kaufmann on February 19.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMEMBER TO GIVE TOWARDS OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION** going to relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. Drop your monetary donation in the container in the fellowship hall lobby. Our World Missions Committee will match up to \$10,000 of what you give! Thus far, more than \$5,000 has been collected. Given the urgency in the region, the initial funds collected will be sent next week. Funds will be distributed through partner agencies and nationals with whom we have longstanding relationships.

**WOMEN'S WINTER BOOK CLUBS** will be held at various locations on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Choose your book and register on Realm Connect.

**MEN, REGISTER BY MARCH 3** for "Shoulder to Shoulder: A Mountain Men Retreat" in town March 10 and 11. Enjoy sessions Friday night and Saturday morning, with optional fellowship activities Saturday afternoon. Please register on Realm Connect for \$45, which includes Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast.

**SUPPORTED LMPC MISSIONARY RUTH ANN LEDUC** is planning a conference in Slovenia for Pioneers workers serving in Europe from April 29 to May 5. Though LMPC is not coordinating a trip for the event, an area church in Cleveland is recruiting travelers to assist with the children's program for ages 0-12. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please contact trip leader, Tara Waldrop, at [taraonmission@gmail.com](mailto:taraonmission@gmail.com). Financial assistance may be available for LMPC members and attendees who travel on the trip.

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