



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

arr. Evelyn R. Larter

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #535)

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt our God the King; we will praise his name for ever and ever.

All: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures through all generations. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

All: Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

* Hymn of praise 34, vv. 1, 2, 3

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav’n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow’r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow’r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles’ wings upborne, to heav’n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow’r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

text by Thomas Olivers, 1770; Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770, LEONI

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of the law: the eighth commandment

Leader: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

All: God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right. In addition, God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of his gifts.

Leader: What does God require of you in this commandment?

All: I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.

The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 110 and 111

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

Offertory

"Prayer to Jehovah"

Chancel Choir

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me, feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream o'er flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.
text by William Williams, translated by Peter Williams; music by Molly Ijames, 2017

*** Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-19**

Brian Salter

¹And 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: ⁶"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁸"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.

¹¹"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.

¹²"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

¹⁶"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.

¹⁷"You shall not murder.

¹⁸"And you shall not commit adultery.

¹⁹"And you shall not steal."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Stealing vs. Stewarding"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. The rationale behind the commandment
 - The gift of ownership and the responsibility of stewardship

2. The meaning of the commandment
 - Negatively: Do not take what belongs to others.
 - Positively: Delight in sharing what God has entrusted to us.
3. The hope for those who break this commandment
 - The Innocent One who hung between two thieves

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

David Fray – cello
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano
Patricia Nagle – violin

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Catherine Joy Risley, born to Rebekah and Luke Risley on February 27.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE toward the 2023 budget. When you pledge, it helps us plan and to know that our spending on ministry will be in line with the amount given by God's people at LMPC. You may pledge by emailing pledge@lmpc.org, going through your Realm account, or completing a pledge card which may be found in the fellowship hall lobby, Narthex, or sanctuary pew racks.

JOIN US TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING at 6:00 p.m. Come together in concerted prayer for our upcoming World Missions Conference.

VIEW OUR SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY NIGHTS. Now you may look ahead two months and see the plan for upcoming Sunday Evening Gatherings, including prayer, communion services, and missions reports. Find the March/April schedule at lmpc.org/sundaynight.

CONTINUE TO GIVE TOWARD OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION for 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! Funds will be distributed through partner agencies and nationals with whom we have longstanding relationships.

OUR MARCH VIP EVENT WILL INCLUDE DINNER AND A CONCERT. On Thursday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m., join us at Honey Seed for "breakfast for dinner" before enjoying CSO Masterworks Mozart's *Requiem* at Memorial Auditorium. Attend the dinner or concert ONLY for \$20, or attend both for \$35. Please register on Realm Connect or by sending payment to the church office by March 22. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

2023 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our denomination has called for 50 weeks of prayer in celebration of this milestone of God's faithfulness. Visit pca50.org to find relevant resources including monthly prayer guides, historical information, past sermons from early sessions of the General Assembly, and weekly reflections written by church leaders across the PCA. (The February 20 devotional was written by Pastor Brian Salter.) Explore this website, pray for the PCA, and celebrate this anniversary!

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

2023 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE
BY ALL MEANS: REACHING THE LOST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Please note that registration by March 13 is required for all events, excluding those on Sunday. Follow the registration links at lmpc.org/wmc2023 or use Realm Connect. All events are free.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

World Missions Conference Kick-Off Dinner

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Join us for dinner and fellowship, followed by children's programming concurrent with the adult Q&A session. Nursery is available beginning at 6:00 p.m. Take-out will not be offered on this evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

"By All Means" VIP Missions Luncheon

12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

VIPs will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with our guests during this special lunch. *VIP refers to mostly retired adults (ages 65+) in our community.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Fellowship Dinners with Missionary Guests

6:00 p.m. in various homes

Join us for an evening of conversation and food in the homes of individuals in the area.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Morning Worship & Sunday School Presentations

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Communion Service

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

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