



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 89

Leader: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

All: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

All: Praise be to the LORD forever!

* Hymn of praise

“This Is My Father’s World”

Choir: This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

**All: This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the ninth commandment

Leader: What is required in the ninth commandment?

All: I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation.

The Heidelberg Catechism, question 112

Call to confession

taken from 1 Peter 1 and 2

You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!

O, God was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Prayer of confession

Leader: Our Creator and Redeemer, your spoken Word brings order, beauty, and light where there is chaos, emptiness, and darkness. We thank you for the power of your Word in creating the world and in making us a new creation in Christ.

All: We confess that our words are often riddled with falsehood, misrepresentation, and manipulation. Forgive us for speaking in ways that produce death rather than life, rivalry rather than friendship, and blame rather than repentance.

Leader: We twist, distort, and dodge the truth in order to justify ourselves, protect our interests, and tear down others.

All: Forgive us for our words that spread harm and that dishonor you. May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts please you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from 2 Corinthians 5 and Ephesians 2

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

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

Offertory

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Children's Choir

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Yesu kwetu ni rafiki (*What a friend we have in Jesus*)

Maombi asikia (*Take it in prayer*)

text by Joseph Medlicott Scriven, 1855, Swahili translation

* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-20

Will Givens

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.

²⁰“And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“You Shall Not Bear False Witness”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The intention of the commandment
 - Our God, who does not lie, intends to form a truth-telling community.
2. The meaning of the commandment
 - Negatively: The command rejects all forms of lying, deceit, slander, gossip, and destructive words.
 - Positively: The command promotes integrity, transparency, and honesty as essential ingredients of biblical community.
 - Broadly: All sin breaks the ninth commandment since all sin rejects truth, behaves according to lies, and often seeks to hide and cover up sinful behavior.
3. The hope for forgiveness and formation
 - Convicted on false charges, the Truth died on the cross to set liars and hidiers free.
 - Empowered by the Spirit, believers are to prize and promote all that is true.

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“O Church, Arise”

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev’ry side, we know the outcome is secure;
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.
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*** 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.**

*** Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – vocals
Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
David Henry – guitar, vocals

Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola
Anna Stroud – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING in the chapel at 6:00 p.m.
for a Missions Report from Patsy and Craig Kent.

OUR CHURCH-WIDE COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF in Turkey and Syria has
raised over \$15,000. Including the matched funds from our World Missions Committee,
LMPC is sending more than \$35,000 in relief funds to partners in the region! There is still
time to give; we are collecting funds through March 20.

THE MARCH VIP EVENT WILL INCLUDE DINNER AND A CONCERT. On Thursday, March 30, join us at Honey Seed at 5:30 p.m. for “breakfast for dinner” before enjoying a CSO Masterworks concert featuring 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.*

REGISTER NOW FOR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE EVENTS on March 15-19. Find the full schedule at lmpc.org/wmc2023 and register on Realm Connect by tomorrow, March 13, for the events you would like to attend.

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

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 19

MORNING SERVICES

Sanctuary Services*

Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall Services*

Malc Clark, Trinity Church Manchester: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. class*

Fireside/Redeemer Class, Conference Room: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

11:00 a.m. classes*

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: *Melanie & Bill, Marketplace Ministries*

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: *Christine, SIL International*

Sojourners Class, Reception Room: *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen*

Combined Youth Class, JHYB: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

AFTERNOON/EVENING

Middle School Large Group with *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen*

4:00 p.m. in the JHYB

High School Youth Group with *Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow*

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

Sunday Evening Gathering Communion Service with prayer for our WMC Guests*

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

**nursery available*