



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 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 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

**All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

**All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

\* Hymn of praise

*"Come, People of the Risen King"*

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*

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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of the law: the tenth commandment

Leader: What does the tenth commandment require of us?

**All: That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any of God's commandments should ever arise in our heart. Rather, with all our heart we should always hate all sin and delight in all righteousness.**

Leader: But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

**All: No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.**

Leader: No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

**All: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.**

*The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 113-115*

### Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 55

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

### Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r:  
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;  
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;  
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam;  
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:  
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;  
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.  
*text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844*

## Prayer of confession

Leader: Father God, every good and perfect gift comes from you, and you have graciously poured out more than we could possibly imagine.

**All: Yet, despite your lavish generosity, we long for more. Forgive us for filling our minds with the things that we don't have instead of gratefully and contentedly living in the grace of what we have been given.**

Leader: We delude ourselves into believing that one more item, one more experience, or one more person will bring peace and contentment.

**All: Forgive us for seeking ultimate satisfaction in circumstances, possessions, and relationships. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and enable us, by your Spirit, to rest in what you have done for us in Jesus Christ.**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Romans 5:1-2, 6-8

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### \* Hymn of assurance

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*  
*text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863*

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

**Offertory hymn** "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.  
*text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016*

\* **Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-21**

Emmie Thompson

<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.

<sup>19</sup>“And you shall not steal.

<sup>20</sup>“And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup>“And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Sermon**

“Do Not Covet”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The intention of the commandment
  - God is building a community of people who delight in him and trust in his provision.
2. The meaning of the commandment
  - Negatively: We are to depart from discontentment, envying, and begrudging what God has given to our neighbors.
  - Positively: We are to direct our hearts toward God with gratitude and desire what is best for our neighbor.

### 3. The hope for forgiveness and formation

- Forgiveness is found in the One who had everything and gave it up for us. (Philippians 2)
- Formation comes as we pursue contentment, knowing that we can lose anything because in Jesus we already have everything. (Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **\* Hymn of response**                      “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;  
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;  
human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.  
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.  
*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 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.**

#### **\* Postlude**

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### Musicians for this week:

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Hannah Perry** – flute

**Amy Verwoerd** – vocals

**Fred Verwoerd** – vocals

**Bob Wharton** – piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Catherine Joy Risley at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Rebekah and Luke Risley, her grandparents, BettyAnn and Craig DeVries and Sarah and Jon Risley, and her great-grandparents, Cathy and John Risley.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Betty McGee**

March 16, 1926 – March 20, 2023

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. for a Hymn Sing.

**ANOTHER WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE IS COMPLETE!** Thank you to all who participated this year. And, thank you to everyone who participated in our collection for earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey. The total of our collection, including the initial and matching gifts from the World Missions Committee was \$48,868! \$610 of those funds were collected by the elementary children. Finally, if you have not already done so, please pick up a pack of prayer cards in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex and continue to pray for our missionary guests.



**LMPC HAS APPOINTED STUART BICKLEY** as Construction Manager for RENEW, providing oversight and contributing extensive experience in the area of renovation. Stuart and his wife Leslie are long-time members of LMPC, where he has served as a deacon and a ruling elder. For the last 25 years, Stuart has owned and operated a construction business and currently does 100% of his work on Lookout Mountain. He is thrilled to work with The Tradesmen Group and others to renovate and restore a building that has meant so much to him over the years.

**THANK YOU** to those of you who have completed your Serve profile on Realm Connect. Currently, less than 25% of our adult members have entered their skills and interests; we would love to see 100% participation. Help our deacons more effectively organize and communicate service opportunities by taking five minutes to complete your profile. We have already seen fruit from this effort, as we match profiles to current needs in areas like ushering and the meal ministry. Simply click on “Serving” on the menu if you are on a web browser, or click “More” if you are on the Realm Connect app. From there, click on “Select Skills and Interests.” Not on Realm Connect yet? Email [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org).

**TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES** to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in memory or in honor of a loved one, please register on Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The deadline to register is tomorrow, March 27.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR MOUNTAIN MEN’S BREAKFAST** on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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