



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 7, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

*"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*  
*Michael Burkhardt*

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,  
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

### Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

### \* Call to worship

taken from Daniel 2 and Psalm 89

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power  
are his.

**All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.  
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in  
darkness, and light dwells with him.**

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will  
make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you  
established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

### \* Hymn of praise 345, vv. 1, 2, 4

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—  
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

*text by John Newton, 1779; music by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, AUSTRIAN HYMN*

**\* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

**Offertory**

*"Come, Ye Disconsolate"*

Chancel Choir

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:  
here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly, saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing  
forth from the throne of God, pure from above:  
come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

*text by Thomas Moore, 1816; v. 3 by Thomas Hastings, 1832; music by Ethan McGrath, 2016*

**\* 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**

<sup>1</sup>“When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup>and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. <sup>3</sup>You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup>for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. <sup>5</sup>But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. <sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Sermon**

“The Call to Holiness”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

God’s call to holiness is:

1. sure and sovereign. (vv. 1-2, 6)
2. cooperative and complete. (vv. 2-5)
3. covenantal and caring. (v. 4)

#### **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.*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Barbara A. Vermeer**

July 13, 1953 - May 3, 2023

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TONIGHT, JOIN US FOR SCRIPTURE & SONG** at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Great hymns and anthems of our faith will be led by our Chancel Choir and congregation. Nursery will be provided, with a cookie reception to follow.

**THE FULL SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2026** was elected by the congregation on April 30. They will be installed as officers in the morning services on Sunday, May 21.

**THE LMPC ONLINE DIRECTORY** allows our members to easily find contact information for one another; and, it's private, which means it's only accessible through a Realm Connect account. However, this directory is only as useful as our members allow it to be. If you do not have a Realm Connect account, then you are not in the directory – and others can't find you. Or, if you have an account but you have hidden your information, it makes it difficult for members to contact you. Email [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org) to request your Realm Connect account today to join the church directory, or review your privacy settings if you are already on.

**PASTOR FRANK HITCHINGS** will be taking a much-deserved sabbatical from May 1 to September 9. Please pray for his rest. If you see him in the community, feel free to greet him. However, please protect him from the work and business of the church for this season. If you need assistance, please contact Frank's assistant, Jennifer Thompson ([jenniferthompson@lmpc.org](mailto:jenniferthompson@lmpc.org) or 423-424-4099), who will direct you to someone who can help with your specific need.

**WIDOWED? HELP IS HERE** and hope is possible. Discover reasons for hope and tips for coping with the death of a spouse in this GriefShare seminar. Register on Realm Connect and join us on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the JHYB.

**SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:** Consider joining one of our sanctuary ensembles this summer! A Men's Ensemble will sing on June 4, 11, and 18 (rehearsal: June 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.); a Women's Ensemble will sing on June 25, July 2, and July 9 (rehearsal: June 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). No Wednesday rehearsals. Please register on Realm Connect. Questions? Email [joy@lmpc.org](mailto:joy@lmpc.org).

**SAVE THESE DATES** for women's summer events:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study: June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.  
Topic: fear & anxiety. Childcare provided for infants - 5th grade.
- Summer Suppers: June 15 & July 13, 6:00 p.m.
- Summer Book Clubs: June 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Popsicles on the Playground: June 2 & July 7, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

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