



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

Cantata 21: Choral Fugue  
*J. S. Bach, adapted by Franz Liszt*

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Revelation 5:12b

### Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

### \* Call to worship

Psalm 93:1-2, 4-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

**All: The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

Leader: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

**All: Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.**

### \* Hymn of praise 290

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heav’n. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Robert Williams, 1817, LLANFAIR*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Prayer for graduates**

**Officer installation**

**Call to confession**

based on Isaiah 44 and Hebrews 10

Leader: This is what the LORD says, "I have made you, you are my servant;  
O Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like  
a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have  
redeemed you."

**All: Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the  
blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the  
curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the  
house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full  
assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a  
guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once  
for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties;  
again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.  
But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down  
at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made  
his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who  
are being made holy.

**\* Hymn of assurance 295, vv. 1, 2, 4**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*text by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868, DIADEMATA*

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

### **Offertory**

"O for a Shout of Sacred Joy"

Chancel Choir

O for a shout of sacred joy to God the sov'reign King!  
Let ev'ry land their tongues employ and hymns of triumph sing.

Jesus, our God, ascends on high; his heav'nly guards around  
attend him rising through the sky with trumpets' joyful sound.

While angels shout and praise their King, let mortals learn their strains:  
let all the earth his honors sing; o'er all the earth he reigns.

*text by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by Alice Parker, 1972*

### **\* 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.**

### **\* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

### **\* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 7:12-26**

Joe Donnovin

<sup>12</sup>"And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. <sup>13</sup>He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>14</sup>You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he

will lay them on all who hate you. <sup>16</sup>And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

<sup>17</sup>"If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?' <sup>18</sup>you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, <sup>19</sup>the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. <sup>20</sup>Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. <sup>21</sup>You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. <sup>22</sup>The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. <sup>23</sup>But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup>And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

<sup>25</sup>"The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction."

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Sermon**

"Promises & Provision"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

God's covenant love for his people is displayed in providing:

1. the **assurance** of blessing for obedience. (vv. 12-16)
2. the **antidote** to fear in the face of foes. (vv. 17-24)
3. the **admonition** to thoroughly eliminate idols. (vv. 25-26)

### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 98**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is our today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*text by Martin Rinkart, 1636, tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858; music by Johann Crüger, 1647,*

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\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #441)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Alayna Bowers** – trumpet  
**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ  
**Harrison Wells** – trumpet

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Katherine (KP) Vannoy and Philip Higgins on May 20 and are given in loving memory of Corinne Goree McGee, John Robert Vannoy, James Talley Higgins, Charles Harry Jarboe, and Delores Jean Jarboe.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING**, join us for a communion service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. We will also commission the High School Youth Uganda Team for their upcoming trip. Pick up their prayer card today at the bulletin board or in the lobby or Narthex.

**DUE TO AN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT** in the tower and the floors below, the Narthex, chapel, and stairwell will be inaccessible beginning May 22 until further notice. Please access the sanctuary through the “little” narthex door or pulpit door only.

**JOIN US FOR A SUMMER KICKOFF SOCIAL** for young adults, ages 23-40 on Saturday, May 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Oddstory. We’ll enjoy games, food, and fellowship. Bring your kids! Food and drinks available for purchase.

**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).

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND:** If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us on the LMPC playground on June 2 and July 7 for fun and conversation from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. We’ll have popsicles for the kids and coffee/cold drinks for the adults! No registration required.

**HOW DOES THE GOSPEL SPEAK INTO OUR FEAR AND WORRY?** This is the topic of our Women’s Summer Bible Study, Wednesday mornings in June from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery provided; lessons and activities for PreK through 5th grade. Attend as you are able.

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS**, hosted in individual homes in our community on June 15 and July 13. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register for the June date on Realm Connect. Interested in hosting? Email Caroline Scruggs, [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

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

## OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

The LMPC officer class of 2026 will be installed during the morning worship services today. Any officer serving for the first time as either an elder or a deacon will also be ordained.

### ELDERS

David Caines	Don Morton
Tad Dacus	Doug Perry
Tommy Gifford	Sam Smartt
Larry Goodman	Ron Thomas
Derek Halvorson	Jack Webb

### DEACONS

Don Bailey, Jr.	Carter Helm
Jay Brooks	Eddy Hilger
Chuck Denham	Paul Jacobs
Will Givens	Ross Shumate
Griffin Hatcliff	Carter Young

### JOIN OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY ON REALM CONNECT:

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. If you share a Realm Connect account with your spouse, then you are not both in the directory, and you won't have your own Serve profile. In order to have a Realm Connect account, and an entry in the church directory, you must provide a unique email address.

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.