



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 4, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”  
*arr. Albert Travis*

### Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### Introit

“This Is a Time to Remember”

Men’s Ensemble

This is a time to remember the greatness of the Lord;  
he has so faithfully led us as promised in his Word.  
He has so bountifully given his grace like freshening rain;  
he has so lovingly pardoned and made us whole again.

This is a time to remember the glories that have been;  
this is time to press onward to vistas yet unseen.  
For Christ is alive in his people, he meets us face to face;  
he grants us the power of his Spirit to serve him in this place.

This is a time to remember the church is his, not ours;  
this is a time to surrender ourselves, our wealth, our powers.  
This is a time to be servants—to give ourselves away,  
building the church to his glory until the coming day.  
*text and music by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1982; arr. Roland Tabell, 1984, DUDLEY*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 145 and Psalm 29

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: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

\* **Hymn of praise 16**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;  
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

*text based on Psalm 98; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET*

\* **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**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Men's Ensemble

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

*text by Robert L. Edwards, 1961; music from The Sacred Harp, 1844, BEACH SPRING*

\* **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 8:11-20**

Brian Salter

<sup>11</sup>“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup>lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup>who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup>Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’

<sup>18</sup>“You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup>And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup>Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

“Guard Against Pride in Prosperity”  
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

As God’s people experience abundance, we must beware:

1. the perils of prosperity—it is too easy to steal credit for God’s work. (vv. 11-17)
2. the power of remembrance—it protects against the arrogance and idolatry that lead to judgment. (vv. 18-20)

**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

**Melanie Riddle** – soloist

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DUE TO AN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT** in the tower and the floors below, the Narthex, chapel, and stairwell are inaccessible until further notice. Please access the sanctuary from the outside through the small narthex door or from the inside through the pulpit door only.

**TONIGHT, JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING**, a hymn sing in the sanctuary, at 6:00 p.m.

**THIS PAST WEEK, WE WELCOMED JOHN MARK SCRUGGS** as our new pastor of congregational care. Read more at [lmpc.org/john-mark-scruggs](http://lmpc.org/john-mark-scruggs).

**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 Pre-K through 5th grade. Attend as you are able.

**ALL VIPS ARE INVITED** to join us for a Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$20, which includes your game ticket and dinner. Register on Realm Connect by Sunday, June 11. See all the details at [lmpc.org/vip](http://lmpc.org/vip). *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

**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).

**CHOOSE YOUR NEXT READ FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS.** Pick a book and attend the corresponding dinner and discussion on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. See the list of books and register on Realm Connect by June 25.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT INTRO TO LMPC** class on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday morning, August 20. More information will follow.

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

### **WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: JUBA**

Join your World Missions Committee in praying for the people of Juba, South Sudan. South Sudan has struggled for years with conflicts that have weakened its institutions, causing many other problems such as economic crises, corruption, and nepotism. Fighting, which broke out in April 2023, is a great threat, as it will worsen the economy and security of the country. Thousands of Sudanese and South Sudanese are fleeing the war, entering Juba. The population is increasing rapidly, causing demand to exceed supply. The threat of a famine is looming. The World Missions Committee recently approved a gift of \$10,000 to assist with relief efforts. Not only will these funds assist with the purchase and distribution of food supplies, but through our partnering agency, Bibles will be provided so more than 300 households will see the goodness of God and hear the Gospel, to strengthen their faith and remain hopeful. Thank you to the members of LMPC: your tithes and offerings make gifts such as these possible.

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- Update your contact and personal information, including photo
- Manage your church giving and pledging

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