



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 11, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\* Hymn of praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

*text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in  
whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through  
my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said,  
“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of  
my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be  
found.

### 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*

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Romans 5:6-8

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**

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*  
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**Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory hymn**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.  
text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003

\* **Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 9:1-24**

Mary Kaufmann

<sup>1</sup>“Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven,  
<sup>2</sup>a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak?’  
<sup>3</sup>Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is

the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you. <sup>4</sup>Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. <sup>5</sup>Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>6</sup>Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

<sup>7</sup>"Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you. <sup>9</sup>When I went up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words that the LORD had spoken with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. <sup>11</sup>And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. <sup>12</sup>Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought from Egypt have acted corruptly. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them; they have made themselves a metal image.'

<sup>13</sup>Furthermore, the LORD said to me, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people. <sup>14</sup>Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.' <sup>15</sup>So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. <sup>16</sup>And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God. You had made yourselves a golden calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that the LORD had commanded you. <sup>17</sup>So I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. <sup>18</sup>Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin that you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger. <sup>19</sup>For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure that the LORD bore against you, so that he was ready to destroy you. But the LORD listened

to me that time also. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD was so angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him. And I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. <sup>21</sup>Then I took the sinful thing, the calf that you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. And I threw the dust of it into the brook that ran down from the mountain. <sup>22</sup>At Taberah also, and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath. <sup>23</sup>And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and take possession of the land that I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God and did not believe him or obey his voice. <sup>24</sup>You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Sermon**

"Not Because of Our Righteousness"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

What do we need to hear about our story as God's people? God provides:

1. stunning deliverance that is not because of our righteousness. (vv. 1-6)
2. merciful intercession that is because of our unrighteousness. (vv. 7-24)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **\* Hymn of response**

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war;  
and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.  
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.  
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk;  
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

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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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Hannah Perry** – flute  
**Melanie Ray** – vocals

**Amy Verwoerd** – vocals  
**Fred Verwoerd** – vocals  
**Bob Wharton** – piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Theodore August Rooy at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Jenna and Dan Rooy, his grandparents, Sarah and Andy Funke and Cindy and Jim Rooy, and his great-grandmother, Betty Meekins.

**The rosebud in the service** today is for the birth of Albert Layne Bosshardt, born to Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt on June 6.

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AT OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** today at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will hear a report from two supported international workers serving in south Asia.

**JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** on 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 end of day TODAY. 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.*

**JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS**, hosted in community homes 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).

**OUR ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES** will take place next Sunday, June 18. Our guest preacher will be Alistair Begg, senior pastor of Parkside Church near Cleveland, Ohio. He will preach at all morning services as well as our Sunday Evening Gathering Communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided. For more information on this sermon series, please visit [lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series](http://lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series).

**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.

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