
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (Zoom)

6:30 pm Small Group (Zoom)

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Looking Ahead

Study in Proverbs: Finding Wisdom & Living Wisely

09/12 - Wisdom: Begins with...

09/19 - What Type of Fool?

09/26 - Wisdom; How to Get it – Tim Keller

10/03 - Haughty Eyes

10/10 - Choosing Our Words

10/17 - Friendship

10/24 - Repairing Relationships

10/31 - Anger



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9:30am Discussion

10:30am Worship

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We are glad you're here!

This is a community which strives to worship and serve God together. Within this community, people freely explore their personal questions about God and the Bible. It's together that we can better learn the breadth and depth of the Gospel and how it works out in our lives. Then, through the grace and hope of the gospel, we serve those in need and work together towards a thriving community.

This program is organized under five headings as described below:

Gathering: We remember God of Creation. The creator is amazing, perfect, powerful, good and is worthy of our worship and praise. This helps center and prepare our hearts for a time of worship.

Confession and Renewal reminds us that this world is not as God originally intended it. We express our grief and sorrow over the brokenness of this world and of our own lives. Our need for grace never goes away, and it is only by faith in Jesus that we can be made right with God. Within these words of renewal we recognize the truth that God's redemption of his people has been accomplished in Jesus.

Thanksgiving is our response to the redemptive plan of God. It is also an opportunity to express our thanks tangibly.

Ministry of the Word is expressed through reading our scripture passage for the day, listening to the Word preached, and responding with words of prayer from the congregation.

The **Benediction** is a good word to be sent out on.

We encourage you to spend some time before the service begins and note how it flows. You are also encouraged to take this bulletin with you to use for personal devotional time throughout the week.

1 Samuel selections

1 Samuel 19:4-7

4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. 5 For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" 6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death." 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

1 Samuel 20:40-42

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy and said to him, "Go and carry them to the city." 41 And as soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap[a] and fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another, David weeping the most. 42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.'" And he rose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.[b]

1 Samuel 23:15-18

15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. 16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." 18 And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
A Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

- L God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
~ from Micah 6:8, NIV

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

- L May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
~ based on 2 Corinthians 13:13 [14]

A Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make you love me more, and nothing I have done that makes you love me less. Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection. Amen.

Reflection:

'Why did you do all this for me?' he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.'
~ E.B. White, 1899-1985, *Charlotte's Web*

Friendship ... is born at the moment when one man says to another "What! You too? I thought that no one but myself . . ." Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival.
~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

**Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend**
~ Albert Camus, 1913-1960, *French Philosopher*

No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.
~ Alice Walker, 1944- , *Author*

Words are easy, like the wind; Faithful friends are hard to find.
~ William Shakespeare, 1564-1616, *The Passionate Pilgrim*

PRELUDE

A *All Sing: You Shine*

You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength ... To follow You

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 47)*

L Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! For the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.

A *He subdues the nations before us, putting our enemies beneath our feet. He promises an inheritance.*

L God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

A *For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm. God reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne. He is highly honored everywhere.*

Pastoral Prayer

L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

Open Petition

After each petition the Leader will say:

L Lord in your mercy

A *Hear our prayer. (Response from Congregation)*

~or~

L *Let us Give God Thanks*

A *We give You thanks O Lord.*

L Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. *(Eph 3:20-21)*

The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

Invitation to the Table

L This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

A *We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our lifegiving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*

Prayer of Thanks

A *Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
we live in your world, which you are always
creating and sustaining by your power,
You have so made us that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.*

*We give you thanks, that you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him
may not die but have eternal life. Amen.*

Words of institution

L The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor 11:23-26, NIV

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L All-knowing God,
We gather together with praise and thanksgiving
for who You are, and for all that You have done for us.

You know us better than we know ourselves—
all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us.

No matter where we go or what we do,
Your love encircles us— ahead and behind—
gently leading and guiding and blessing.
We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives.

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together:
examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess,
challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life.

For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.
~ Christine Longhurst, based on Psalm 139

A *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*

All Sing: You Shine

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble

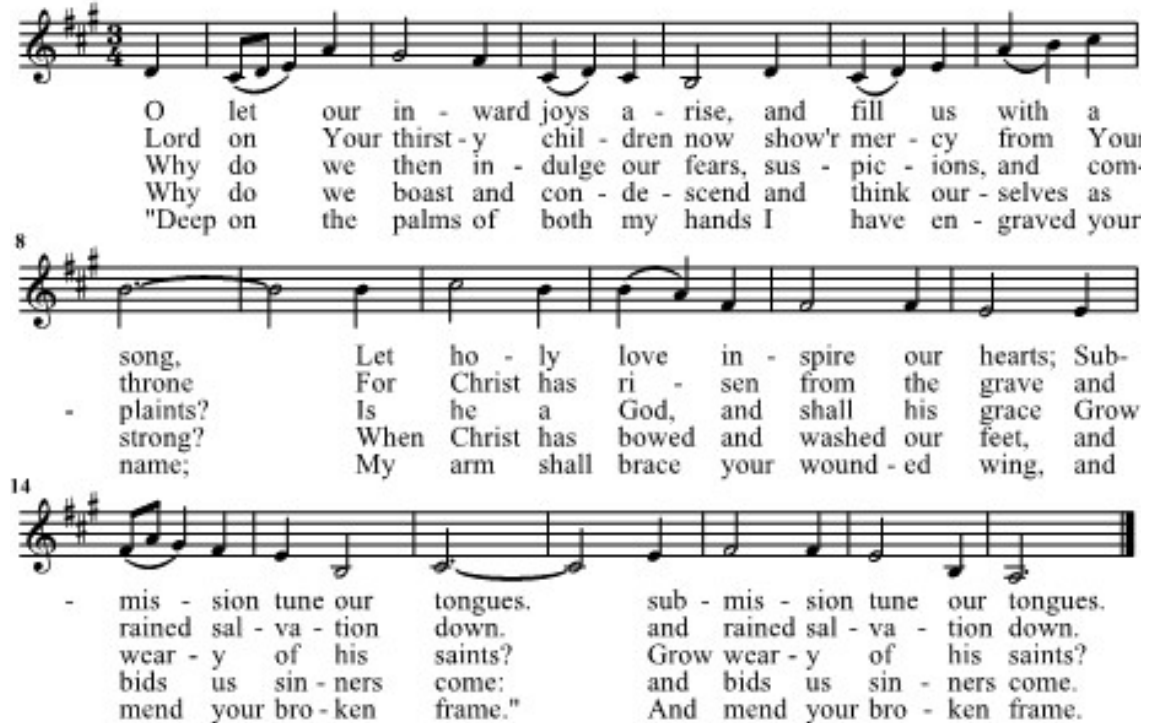
But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You

All Sing: O Let Our Inward Joys Arise

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)



O let our in - ward joys a - rise, and fill us with a
Lord on Your thirst-y chil - dren now show'r mer - cy from You
Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus - pic - ions, and com -
Why do we boast and con - de - scend and think our - selves as
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I have en - graved your
8
song, Let ho - ly love in - spire our hearts; Sub -
throne For Christ has ri - sen from the grave and
- plights? Is he a God, and shall his grace Grow
strong? When Christ has bowed and washed our feet, and
name; My arm shall brace your wound - ed wing, and
14
- mis - sion tune our tongues, sub - mis - sion tune our tongues,
rained sal - va - tion down, and rained sal - va - tion down.
wear - y of his saints? Grow wear - y of his saints?
bids us sin - ners come; and bids us sin - ners come.
mend your bro - ken frame." And mend your bro - ken frame.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture 1 Samuel selections (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: David's Friend (Tim Keller)

Profession of Faith

L The Lord be with you.

A *And also with you.*

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

A *Eternal God of all grace and mercy,
You have blessed your people with signs of your presence.*

*From the beginning you have given your promises
and have been faithful to those promises.*

*When your people were in bondage,
you rescued them through the sea
and led them into the land of promise.*

*We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,
born of the virgin Mary, baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and anointed by your Holy Spirit.*

*We praise you for his ministry of teaching and healing,
and for his death and resurrection in victory.*

*We praise you that through his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death.*

You give us baptism as a sign of the cleansing and rebirth.

*And we rejoice that you are renewing us by your Spirit,
leading us to be ambassadors of your love,
until that day when your kingdom will fully come.*

To you be all glory, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The apostle John wrote:

My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the strength of this assurance, let us enter a time of contemplation of
ourselves before God.

—based on 1 John 2:1-2, NRSV

All Sing: Gloria Patri

Prayer of Confession

A *Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles
preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.
Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. – *Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV*

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

A *Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness.
Thank you that we can always trust in You.
You are an abundant God and out of your great kindness
you have given us so much.*

*We give you this offering today, and with it we also give ourselves.
Use this congregation, for your kingdom and your glory.
Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray.
And may we be a great blessing to many. Amen.*