#### A Glance at the Week

Monday 7:00 am Men's Discussion (Zoom) 6:30 pm Small Group (Zoom)

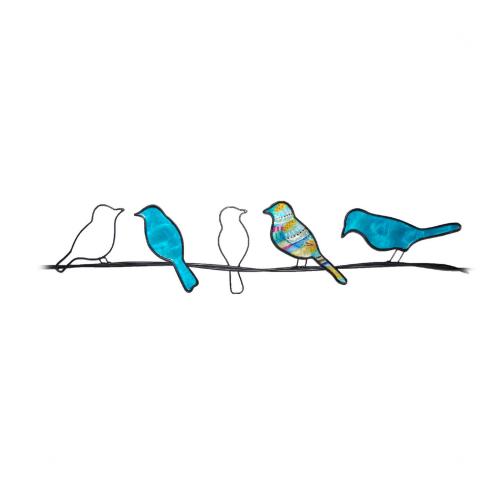
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# Looking Ahead

Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel

01/02/22	Salutations	1:1-5
01/09/22	No Other Gospel	1:6-12
01/16/22	Testimony	1:10-24
01/23/22	Gospel Fellowship	2:1-10
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## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South Saint Paul, MN 55105

## February 06, 2021

9:30am Discussion 10:30am Worship www.randolphheights.org

#### 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.

#### Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:11-14

When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?

- 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 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. – *Numbers 6:24-26, NIV* 

#### 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.

## Reflections

Decide now to enter heaven one day from a life of fullness and walking in depth of revelation of his love, instead of crawling over the line beaten and bruised and discouraged.

~ Lana Vawser, Author

The American Jesus is more a pawn than a king, pushed around in a complex game of cultural (and countercultural) chess, sacrificed here for this cause and there for another.

~ Dr. Stephen Prothero, Professor of Religion at Boston University

It is better to be hurt by the truth than to be comforted with a lie. ~ *Khaled Hosseini, 1965- , Afghan-born novelist and physician* 

I keep a close watch on this heart of mine I keep my eyes wide open all the time. I keep the ends out for the tie that binds Because you're mine, I walk the line ~ Johnny Cash, 1932-2003, Musician

### PRELUDE

Micah 6:6 – With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

All Sing: You are With Me

How precious are Your thoughts, O God. How vast is the sum of them. I would spend days and nights counting them and never reach the end; And when I awake - You are with me. (*Repeat Section*)

So search me; know my heart. Test me; know my thoughts. Lead me in your ways. Search me, test me, lead me In Your ways. *Words & Music by: The Crossing Music* 

## Call to Worship (Various Passages)

- L I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- A The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- L The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.
- A It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

## 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:

LLord in your mercyAHear our prayer.(Response from Congregation)

~or~

- L Let us Give God Thanks
- A We give You thanks O Lord.
- L May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans* 15:13

#### 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)

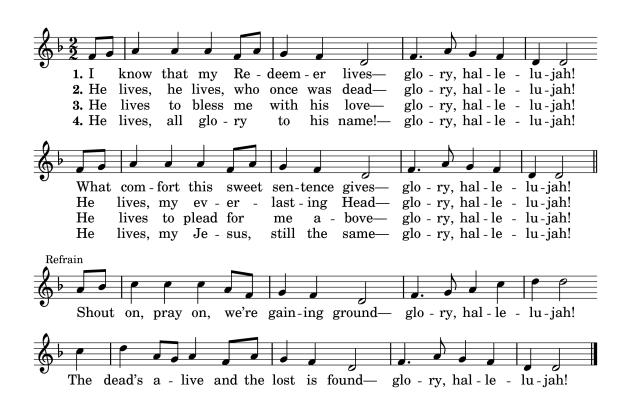
- L Blessed are you, Lord God. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. You call us to worship you now in this time and place, in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places. As we worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. You are God, who stirs our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus. You are God, that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. We praise you this morning in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. Amen.
  - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

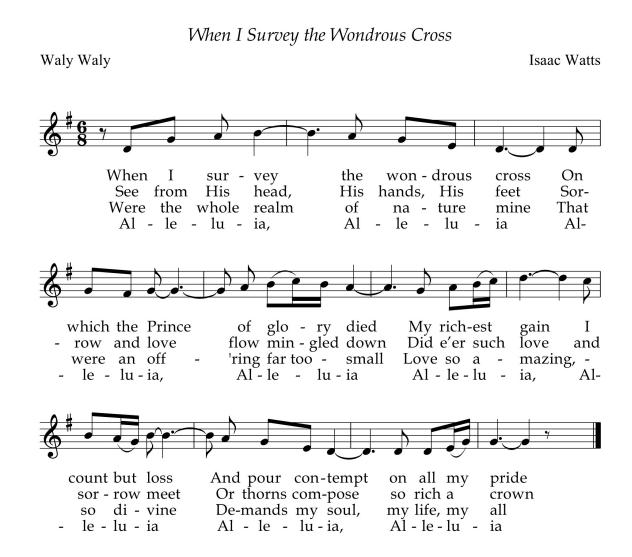
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Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!





#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

ScriptureGalatians 2:11-14 (found on Page 15)SeriesGalatians Series – New Life – New FreedomSermonWalking the Line

#### Profession of Faith

- L Now, as you publicly declare your faith, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.
- *A* Blessed is the church

that regularly celebrates the Lord's Supper as a feast of thanksgiving, communion, and hope. Blessed is the congregation that not only gratefully remembers God's creating and redeeming work in Jesus Christ, knowing his presence in the breaking of the bread, but also gratefully receives the gift of union with Jesus Christ and Christ's body, and looks forward to the feast of the coming kingdom. Blessed is the congregation that shares this meal by "discerning the body of Christ" in its manifold oneness, by expressing hospitality for one another with grace and truth (1 Cor. 11:29-33), and by reflecting God's hospitality for us in ministries of hospitality in the world.

#### **CONFESSION & RENEWAL**

- L 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. (*Psalm 32:5*)
- A Holy God, help us and heal us. We are stubborn people who stray from you. In our blindness, even our ability to confess is distorted. Forgive us for our lack of confidence in your love and mercy.

Jesus, you have looked down on our helpless estate and shed your own blood for our souls. In You, we have the confidence to confess our failures and shortcomings. Forgive us where we fail to approach you with honesty and sincerity.

Holy Spirit, create within us clean hearts that truly break over our struggles with sin, yet are also confident that your love is more than enough to cover us. Help us to trust in your abundance as we wrestle through our earthly journeys. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Silent and Personal Confession

#### WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. - *Isaiah* 55:6-7
- *A* Thanks be to God!

All Sing: Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,

Glory be to the Spirit three in One.

As it was in the Beginning it will be forever Amen, Amen, Amen.

#### Doxology

L What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people. - from Psalm 116:12, 14, NRSV

> 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.