
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

03/06/22	Law & the Promise	3:10-22	
03/13/22	Adoption	3:26-4:7	
03/20/22	A Greater Freedom	5:1-8	(Guest Speaker)
03/27/22	A Startling Word	4:8-11	
04/03/22	Always Re-forming	4:12-20	
04/10/22	Child of Promise	4:19-31	
04/17/22	Resurrection 1	5:1-8	(Easter)
04/24/22	Resurrection 2	5:5-18	
05/01/22	Resurrection 3	5:16-25	



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

March 27, 2021

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.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:8-11

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God – or rather are known by God – how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

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*

Postlude

Bell Choir

Canticle of Hope – *Cynthia Dobrinski*

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

It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.
~ *J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

God loves an honest question.
~ *Athol Dickson, The Gospel According to Moses: What My Jewish Friends Taught Me about Jesus*

Thus it is that we always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap.
~ *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956*

We are what we choose. And we choose whatever our deepest passion compels us to be and to do. To understand the truth of this simple principle, we must examine choice's power to shape our character.
~ *Dan B. Allender, To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future*

PRELUDE

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

Special Music

Bell Choir

Aria – Paul Manz, arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 148)*

L Praise the LORD from the heavens! Praise him from the skies! Praise him, all his angels! Praise him, all the armies of heaven!

A *Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, all you twinkling stars! Praise him, skies above!*

L Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being. He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

A *Praise the LORD from the earth, you creatures of the ocean depths, fire and hail, snow and clouds, wind and weather that obey him, kings of the earth and all people*

L Let them all praise the name of the LORD. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven! He has made his people strong, honoring his faithful ones –

A *Praise the LORD!*

Pastoral Prayer

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

A *Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread. Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.*

Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top. Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.

Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god. Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you.

Jesus the Christ, give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive help us to choose the will of God. Amen.

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 May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

– from Psalm 19:14, NIV

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 O God, in creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;
we bow in gratitude before you.
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

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*

Praise to the Lord

Joachim Neander tr. Catherine Wolf

Musical score for 'Praise to the Lord' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 4, 7, 11, and 15 indicating the start of new lines of text.

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre-a-
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore

4
- tion! O my soul, praise Him, for
- eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His
Him! All that hath life and breath,

7
He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

11
All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near;
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires é'er have been
Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain,

15
Join me in glad a - dor-a - tion.
Grant-ed in what He or - dain - eth?
Glad-ly for-é'er we a - dore Him.

** Let the A-men, sound from his people again, gladly for'ere we adore Him!

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Leominster

George Matheson

Musical score for 'Make Me a Captive, Lord' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Make me a ca - ptive, Lord, and then I shall be free; force
My heart is weak and poor un - til its mas-ter find; it
My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine; if

me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall con-queror
has no spring of ac - tion sure, it var - ies with the
it would reach a mon-arch's throne, it must its crown re-

be. I sink in life's a-larms when by my - self I stand; im-
wind. It can-not free - ly move till thou hast wrought its chain; en-
- sign; it on - ly stands un-bent a - mid the clash - ing strife, wher

- pris-on me with - in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
- slave it with thy match-less love, and death-less it shall reign.
on thy bo-som it has leant, and found in thee its life.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 5:8-11 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom
Sermon A Startling Word

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 *The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:*

That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sin, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

~ from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us enter a time of preparation, so that we may confess our sin before God and one another.

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



Have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer - cy, on us.

Confession & Renewal

- A *Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become what you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We confess that too often we do not confess.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice
and be glad in you and in the righteousness
that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L *If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. – based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, NRSV*
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

- L *Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude.*

Bell Choir

In Quietness and in Confidence – Kenneth Logan

*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.*