
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

03/27/22	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	
05/08/22	To Sow & To Reap	6:1-10	
05/15/22	The Main Thing	6:11-14	
05/22/22	Two Challenges	6:4-8;16-18	



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

April 17, 2022

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 5:1-8

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery. Listen! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you at all! And I testify again to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace! For through the Spirit, by faith, we wait expectantly for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision carries any weight – the only thing that matters is faith working through love.

You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you!

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

Open Petition

After each petition the Leader will say:

- L. Lord in your mercy
A. *Hear our prayer. (Response from Congregation)*

BENEDICTION

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

- L Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. – *Revelation 1:4-6, NRSV*

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.

All Sing: Christ is Risen, Sing Hosanna

Christ is risen sing Hosanna,
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation stands amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a flowering cross has grown.
Healing blooms of grace abounding
Bring the scent of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Celebrate with joy and singing,
Let Hosanna be our song.
Jesus Christ has risen to save us,
Praises to our Christ belong.
Through great love has come the victory;
Life, not death, can be our claim.
Let us now declare his greatness,
Spread his love, proclaim his name.

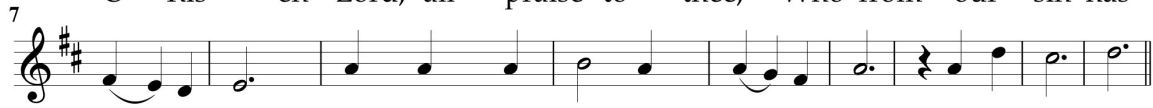
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Tr. Francis Pott

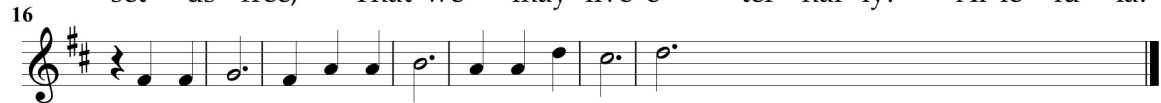
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - tor - y of
The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
O Ris - en Lord, all praise to thee, Who from our sin has



life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia
hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia
set us free, That we may live e - ter - nal - ly! Al-le - lu - ia!



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

L Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

A *His love endures forever.*

L The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

A *The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

L This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

L Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and may have it to the full."

A *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

Prayers of the People

L By the love with which you drew near to your disciples as they went to Emmaus and talked together of your passion, draw near to us and join yourself to us and give us the knowledge of yourself.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the mercy with which at first their eyes were closed, that they should not know you, be merciful to those that are slow of heart to believe.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the compassion with which, amid the joy of your resurrection, you sought out those who were sad, console the fainthearted who have not yet learned to rejoice in you.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the patience with which you opened to them the Scriptures, open our understanding and insight.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the fire with which you made their hearts burn within them as you talked with them by the way, inflame with devotion every heart that is not already burning with love for you, consume with zeal those that you have kindled.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the loyalty with which you spent with the disciples when the day was far spent, fulfill in our souls your promise that says, "I will come to him and sup with him and he with me."

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L By the power by which you vanished out of their sight, that their faith in the mystery of your resurrection might be increased, strengthen and confirm this faith in us.

A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

L O blessed Jesus, who, when the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered, came and stood in the midst and said, "Peace be unto you," may no fear ever place a barrier between our souls and you or hinder us from the peace which the world cannot give.

A *May the peace that you gave your apostles, sending them forth in your Father's name as you yourself were sent, be also upon us and remain with us always. Amen!*

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 The tomb is empty!

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L The soldiers have returned home.

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L The anger of the crowds is gone.

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L The time of grieving has ended.

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!

A *Christ Is Risen!*

L *Christ Is Risen!*

A *He is Risen Indeed!*

L We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

All Sing: Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, oh grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,
The powers of death have done their worst,
The three sad days are quick - ly sped,
He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,
Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - tor - y of life is won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
the bars from heav'n's high port - als fell;
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.
let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell!
that we may live and sing to thee.



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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 5:1-8 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series – New Life – New Freedom
Sermon Resurrection Living Pt. 1

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 *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
– Isaiah 25:6-9, NRSV*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L. The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. – from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

A *If, at times, we deny you, God forgive us. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found. God forgive us. When we wash our hands of responsibility. God forgive us. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver. God forgive us. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it. God forgive us.*

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Renewal

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed! – based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

A Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,



Glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, Three in One. As it was in the be-gin-ing it



will be for-ev-er A-men, A-men, A-men.

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.

*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 *God of the greatest gift:
This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory, we give you thanks!*

*With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our thoughts tuned to your story,
we present these gifts to you,
in gratitude, and hope,
And for your kingdom to come!
Amen.*