
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

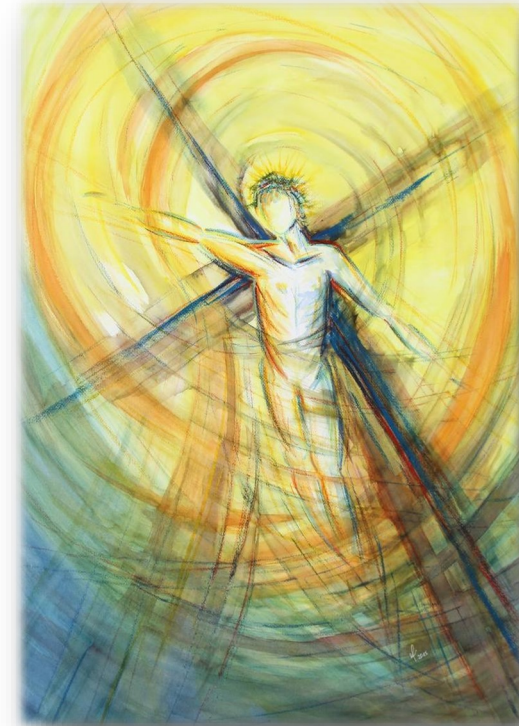
04/03/22 Always Re-forming 4:12-20

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



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

April 24, 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 5:7-18

You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you! A little yeast makes the whole batch of dough rise! I am confident in the Lord that you will accept no other view. But the one who is confusing you will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. Now, brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those agitators would go so far as to castrate themselves!

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment, namely, "***You must love your neighbor as yourself.***" However, if you continually bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. For the flesh has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires that are opposed to the flesh, for these are in opposition to each other, so that you cannot do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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 Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do. May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ based on Hebrews 13:20-21

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

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.
~Martin Luther, 1483-1546, in "The Freedom of the Christian"

Man will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest. ~ Denis Diderot, 1713-1784, French Philosopher

...unless this freedom [of the Christian gospel] be comprehended, neither Christ nor gospel truth, nor inner peace of soul, can be rightly known.
~John Calvin, 1509-1564, French-born, Swiss reformer

No one is truly free, they are a slave to wealth, fortune, the law, or other people restraining them from acting according to their will.
~ Euripides, 480-406, Greek Tragedian (Playwright)

To be truly free, it takes more determination, courage, introspection, and restraint than to be in shackles.
~Pietro Belluschi (1899-1994), Italian-born architect and MIT professor

The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God.
~D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981), Welsh medical doctor and preacher

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,
and may all be filled with his glory, alleluia!

(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)

(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 96)*

L Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

A *Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.*

L O nations of the world, recognize the LORD; recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong. Let all the earth tremble before him. Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

A *Bring your offering and come into his courts. He will judge all peoples fairly.*

L Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

A *Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.*

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.*

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 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.*

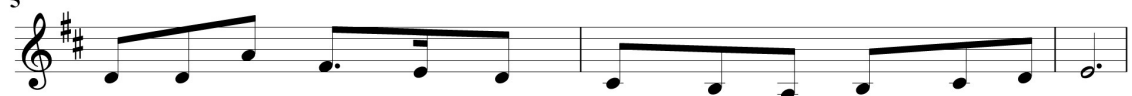
*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

Praise to the Lord

Joachim Neander tr. Catherine Wolf



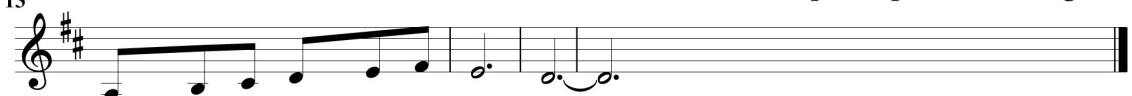
Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre-a - tion!
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va-
Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus-tain-
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore



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



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

Love Constraining to Obedience

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

William Cowper



No strength of na - ture can suf - fice to serve the Lord a -
Then to ab-stain from out-ward sin was more than I could



- right And what she has she mis - ap-plies for want of clear-er light How
do Now If I feel its power with-in, I feel I hate it too Then
To



long be-neath the Law I lay In bon-dage and dis - tress How
all my ser - vile works were done, a right-eous-ness to raise Now,
see the law by Christ ful - filled, to hear His par-doning voice Will



long I strug-ple to o - bey, And toil with-out suc-cess.
free - ly cho - sen in the Son, I free-ly choose His ways
change a slave in - to a child and du-ty in - to choice

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 5:7-18 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series – New Life – New Freedom
Sermon Resurrection 2 – Freedom

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 In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

– Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

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

Confession & Renewal

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Glory Be to God the Father

Horatio Bonar

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther,
Glo - ry be to him who loved us,
Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!

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Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo-ry be to God the Spir-
Washed us from each spot and stain; Glo-ry be to him who bought
Hear the choir of an - gels sing; Glo-ry to the King of na-

6
- it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!
us, Heav'n and earth your prais - es bring! Sing-ing
- tions; Hear the praise cre - a - tion brings. Sing-ing

10
glo-ry, sing-ing glo - ry. Glo-ry to the Lamb that once was
glo-ry, sing-ing glo - ry. Glo-ry, glo-ry to the King of

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.*