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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

6:30 pm Small Group

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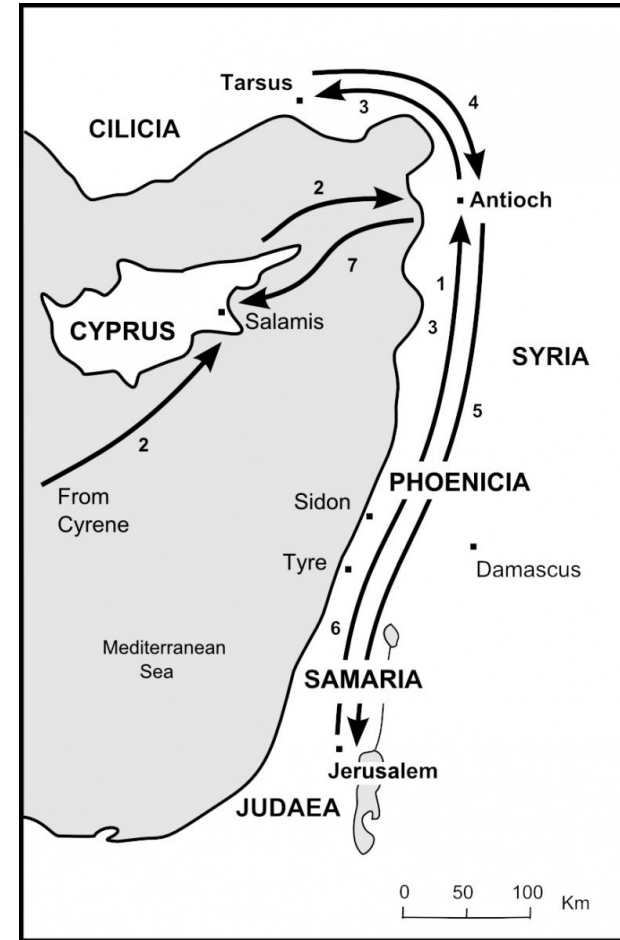
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## Looking Ahead

### Book of Acts - The Message Goes Out

06/05/22	9:1-9;17-19	Encountering God
06/12/22	10:27-47	The Spirit goes to the Gentiles
06/19/22	11:19-30	Snapshot of the Church
06/26/22	13:26-31,38-39	Message Goes Out
07/03/22	14:8-23	Message to the Superstitious
07/10/22	15:1-11	Fine Tuning the Message
07/17/22	16:1-19	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 1
07/24/22	16:20-40	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 2



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### June 19, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-30;13:1-3

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

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## 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 Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

### 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.

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## Reflections

We need to cultivate the courage to be uncomfortable and to teach the people around us how to accept discomfort as a part of growth.  
~ Brené Brown, Professor / author / Speaker

Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words.  
~ Roy T. Bennett, author, *The Light in the Heart*

The longer you look at Jesus, the more you will want to serve him in his world. That is, of course, if it's the real Jesus you're looking at. Plenty of people in the church and outside it have made up a 'Jesus' for themselves, and have found that this invented character makes few real demands on them. He makes them feel happy from time to time, but doesn't challenge them, doesn't suggest they get up and do something about the plight of the world. Which is, of course, what the real Jesus had an uncomfortable habit of doing. ... The challenge remains the same [then as today]: to allow oneself to be grasped afresh, day by day, by the compelling love and radical agenda of the most extraordinary man who ever walked the earth, to be sustained by his powerful presence, guiding, confronting, warning, and consoling.

~ N.T. Wright, *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*

People are spiritual and in search of community, in search of belief, in search of belonging, in search of hope, and in search of vision. They're not getting it, and so they're looking for it in other places.  
~ Simon Sinek, 1978- , author, *inspirational speaker*

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## 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 148)*

- L Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.  
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- A *Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.*
- L Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let  
them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,  
and he established them for ever and ever – he issued a decree that will  
never pass away.
- A *Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,  
lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, kings of  
the earth and all nations, old men and children.*
- L Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his  
splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
- A *And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

- L Creator Spirit, create in us eagerness to care for the world. Spirit of Christ,  
fill us with urgency to share our joy in our Savior and Lord. Spirit of  
holiness, transform our lives to be beacons in a world of shadows. Spirit  
of truth, compel us to see the truth and make us advocates of justice.  
Spirit of wisdom, shower us with wisdom, that we may best discern how  
to serve the world. Advocate, intercede on our behalf for these and other  
unspoken requests that weigh heavy on our hearts and minds. 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*

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

### *Invitation to the Table*

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

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 *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

### *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*

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

L Father,  
Today, we reverence and honor You. You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You existed before time and created everything that exists.

We acknowledge that You are the only living God and that there are no other gods. Father, You are compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are good to everyone and You shower compassion on all of Your creation. We thank you, Lord.

Your commandments and Your ways are right and just. Your instructions are perfect, reviving our souls. Your decrees are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your commandments are right, bringing joy to our hearts. Your commands are clear, giving insight for living. Father, You are great and greatly to be praised and we bless You today.

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 four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.'

## My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Musical score for 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'My hope is built on When dark-ness veils His His oath His cov-en-When He shall come with no-thing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness; I love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace; In -ant, His blood Sup-port me in the 'whel-ming flood: When trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found. Dressed dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on ev-ery high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less we stand be-Je-sus' name. in the veil. On Christ the so-lid rock I stand; All hope and stay. fore His throne. o-ther ground is sink-ing sand. All o-ther ground is sink-ing sand.'

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 (found on Page 15)

**Series** Summer Series in Acts

**Sermon** Snapshot of the Church

### ***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 *We believe in the Holy Spirit, who establishes the holy catholic church. We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who believe in one baptism, and share in one table. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are saints. Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by his death, Christ removed our separation from God, so by his Spirit, Christ removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, the Spirit makes us, who are many, one body in Christ. God does not will to be God without us, but instead grants to us creatures eternal life. Communion with Jesus is eternal life itself. By the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, through faith we are adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through Christ we are raised from death to new life. For Christ we shall live to all eternity.*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command. and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

Let us confess our sin to God. – *based on John 14:15-17, 21, NIV*

### **Confession & Renewal**

A *God of Grace and Mercy,  
With all you have done, especially in sending your son, we find sin continues to have power over us. We forget who you are and what you have done for us. We are often self-absorbed and struggle to love others rather than please ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.*

*Jesus,  
Thank you for giving up the glory of heaven to please your father and rescue us from ourselves. You denied yourself the adoration and praise you deserved. You entered a world of people who would misunderstand, reject and even hate you. Yet, you always put the needs of others before your own, thank-you.*

*Holy Spirit,  
Remind us often that Jesus has already carried the cross for us, and will now carry it with us day by day. Increase our joy in the cross of Christ, and our wonder and admiration for all that was accomplished. Melt our hearts till we delight in Jesus as our precious treasure. Amen.*

### **Silent and Personal Confession**

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

L In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we become dead in sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope of new life, may grow in your knowledge of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may experience the incomparable power of God that raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

A *Thanks be to God!*

### *Glory Be to God the Father*

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

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 -

- 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

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

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## Doxology

L God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be our response of abundant love; May these gifts be used to bless others, through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*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.*