
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Wednesday

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

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Looking Ahead

Gospel of John

01/01/23 - Growth in Grace	15:1-11	
01/08/23 - The Vine	15:1-8	
01/15/23 - Friends	15:9-17	
01/22/23 - The World Hates You	15:16-16:1	
01/29/23 - The Great Mentor	16:12-15	(Annual Meeting)
02/05/23 - Mission of the Spirit	16:5-11	
02/12/23 - Joy in Mourning	16:16-22	
02/19/23 - Peace	16:27-33	
02/26/23 - Holy Father	17:1-20	

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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: John 15:16-16:1

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. All this I have told you so that you will not fall away."

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 May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- based on *2 Corinthians 13:13-14*

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

If you have enemies, good that means you stood up for something.
~ *Marshall Bruce Mathers iii, American Rapper – Hip-Hop*

You have no enemies, you say? Alas, my friend, the boast is poor. He who has mingled in the fray of duty that the brave endure, must have made foes. If you have none, small is the work that you have done. You've hit no traitor on the hip. You've dashed no cup from perjured lip. You've never turned the wrong to right. You've been a coward in the fight. ~ *Charles Mackay, 1814-1889, Poet / Author*

... many ordinary, well-adjusted Christians might imagine that this passage, at the end of John 15, was bordering on the paranoid. The world is going to hate you, says Jesus. The world will persecute you. The world is guilty, and it hates me and my father as well as you! We can imagine someone saying, 'Look here, how paranoid can you get?' ... But this doesn't take away from the fact that Jesus' warnings in this section are not paranoid, even if they may sound like that to a comfortable, armchair version of Christianity. ~ *N.T. Wright, scholar, former Bishop of Durham*

Hope for the Christian isn't just confidence in a certain, glorious future. It's hope in a present providence. It's hope that God's plans can't be thwarted by local authorities or irate mobs, by unfriendly bosses or unbelieving husbands, by Supreme Court rulings or the next election. The Christian hope is that God's purposes are so unassailable that a great thunderstorm of events can't drive them off course. Even when we're wave-tossed and lost at sea, Jesus remains the captain of the ship and the commander of the storm. ~ *Elliot Clark, Cross Cultural Church Planter*

My barn having burned to the ground, I can now see the moon.
~ *Mizuta Masahide (1657-1723), Japanese Poet and Samurai*

PRELUDE

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



O sing to the Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the
By His ho-ly pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our
7
Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, and
pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly pow'r our
God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our God, who
12
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, Yes! sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
gave us the Spi - rit, O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 59)

- L Rescue me from my enemies, O God. Protect me from those who have come to destroy me. You are my strength;
A *In his unfailing love, my God will stand with me. He will let me look down in triumph on all my enemies.*
- L As for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress.
A *O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love.*

Pastoral Prayer

- L Eternal God,
Whatever the significance of this new year, this morning is the same as the dawning of every day since you first created life and light and proclaimed it all “very good.” We acknowledge your lordship over the world you have made and over the creatures you have placed in it.

You have filled us with the light of your Word, made flesh in Jesus Christ. Let the light of faith shine in all we do, that the one who is from everlasting to everlasting – yet who was born among us and lived with us – may continue to inspire the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives.

As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will and our new resolves be strengthened. Help us to know that you are a personal God, concerned not just with the mighty forces of wind and weather and of the destiny and fate of nations but also with the joys and sorrows that characterize our lives.

Bless also those known to us who need to sense your healing presence today:

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 Eternal God, as we conclude our service, guide our feet. As our steps take us into an unknown future, give us confidence in your faithfulness. Help us see opportunities to serve and to love. Support us with your love so that we can work with you and rest in you. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Table

L Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 *With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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 our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvelous is your will for the world,
Unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

(An Anglican 'Prayer of Thanksgiving')

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*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Horatius Bonar



I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am the dawn-ing



rest. Lay down, O wear-y one, lay down your head u - pon my
give the liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one; stoop down and drink and
light. Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be



breast." I came to Je-sus as I was, so wear-y, worn, and sad. In
live." I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream. My
bright." I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun, and



him I found a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav'-ling days are done.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Charles W. Everest



Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If
Take up your cross, be not a - shamed! Let
Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which
Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; Den - y your - self, the
not dis - grace your spir - it fill! For God him - self en -
makes your trem - bling spir - it brave: 'Twill guide you to a
think till death to lay it down; For on - ly they who



world for - sake, And humb-ly fol - low af - ter me.
- dured to die Up - on a cross, on Cal-vry's hill.
bet - ter home And lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
bear the cross May hope to wear the glor-ious crown.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 15:16-16:1 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Attitude

Profession of Faith

A *We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)
We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV)
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, NRSV)*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.
– based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

A *Lord, you said that if we love you, we will obey what you command.
Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.
Lord, you said that we may ask for anything in your name.
Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.
Lord, you said not to let our hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.
Lord, you said that if we remain in you and you in us, we will bear much fruit.
Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.
Lord, you said that we must testify, for you have been with us.
We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.
Lord, you said to love each other as I have loved you.
In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings.
Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. – Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Words of Renewal

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!

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

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

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

Chorus Last time: Singing glory, singing glory,
Glory, glory to the King of Kings –
Glory, glory to the King of Kings!

Doxology

- L He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. Because of this, you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.

*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 hope,
you gave your Son to free a lost world.
You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage.
You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears.
You promise us a future with you.
In gratitude, we bring you our time, talents, and tithes.
May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see
the goodness of knowing you.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

- L Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

– based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV